

an Organ of Student Opinion at Victoria College, Wellington,

VOL. 1, No. 2

WELLINGTON, MARCH 16, 1938

SCRIM AND DAISY INITIATION LIONS OF 2ZB BEARDED

"Salient" bearded Aunt Daisy (figuratively, of course) on the end of the telephone, with a shorthand expert listening in. The designer of 365 ways to make a husband happy was most loquacious-indeed, the shorthand expert gave her up in disgust half way through!

Aunt Daisy's extraordinary emphasis and tonal variations were exactly the same as on the radio. Uncle Serim, however, was different. Gone was the unctuousness of the "Man in the Street"; gone was the monster presented to us by a certain weekly paper, and there remained a quiet, sincere, intelligent little man, smoking a cigarette in an immense holder.

"SCRIM" ON TRUTH,

called a debate."

COOKERY — CLASSICIST

"Just a moment place." Muted voice, "Do you think Aunt Daisy can ak?" Very long pluse.

Doubtful voice. "This is Aunt Daisy speaking-do you want to speak

'Yes, Aunt Daisy. We are collecting the views of various eminent

'Well, I don't know much about the University at all. I took lectures

'I haven't niet many of them-I really haven't got time-but I've

Do you think it's worth while for a girl to have a University

'I say, do let me see this before you put it in, will you? Some of

in journalism at Auckland under Mr. Alan Mulgan some years ago, but

met a lot of teachers, but they're mostly Training College, aren't they?"

WANTED A BRAIN.

"Could you put me through to Aunt Daisy, please?"

"This is 'Sallent,' the Victoria University paper, speaking."

Hearty laughter. "Do you think I am an eminent person?"

apart from that I haven't had any connection with the University.

What do you think of the University girl, Aunt Daisy?"

MAINLY MORALS.

tradition has every right to recognition type of education that drives a perfor its good points, I feel that history feetly natural function into hiding, and will reveal the fact that very marked makes the subject taboo, transforming progress has been made by the younger it into something impure. There are a stairs to the gym. and more modern thinkers on all sub- great number of young people who live direction of open-minded students of authorities are afraid of the irrespons- speech Mr. Edgely said: human relations. The type of ideal lible element, but I think that by free on the street corner who is disgruntled might be made a little more respons- here to enter a New Era of Life." because the shoe pinches him particu- ible, and I cannot see that it would sonal ideal is invaluable, when intelli- altogether." gence and not the stomach is the basis of it.'

THIS MEANS YOU!

"What do you think of the morality of the average University student?"

Those with whom I have come in contact strike me as being no different from the ordinary run of people that whether religious or otherwise, is did the overhead streamers shading him, he gave it to him with his elbow, didn't tell us about it one finds in any cross-section of the sunmed us in the words of Christ; from palest cream at the rising sun Ouf! right on the solar plexus. Flat—"Was there much gambling community."

By their fruits ye shall know them, and ranging towards blatant gold, tened him right out. They had to get results of the events?" I asked. In a University education conducive to the formation of a good moral char-

"Certainly it should be. But it is well known that it is possible to go through University and yet get no education at all. Real education of speech in radio debates? comes out of a ne rumped into him.

THAT COMMISSIONAIRE! "What do you think about drink at

dances? We have had a Commissionaire installed at Victoria.

"I don't like prohibitions of any kind, but, where abuses are obvious, control is necessary. I should hate to feel that my existence was so dull and uninteresting that I had to make my.—All the commercial stations have a an incredulous lot. "Salient" agrees, to hear or say a word. Another Trinitown to keep an appointment self half stupid before I could enjoy it conscious policy. Ours is a more an incredulous lot. "Salient" agrees, to hear or say a word. Another Trinitown to keep an appointment properly."

opinions on the subject?" "The Professorial Board should be ing audience. It is probably far from ing.

in a much better position to express an the ideal, but it is always progressing opinion, but I do feel that the freer towards it.

"Hullo?"

'Certainly.'

"Goodbye."

people, on the University-"

Oh, certainly! Absolutely!

(We have used the blackest type possible).

It must help a girl to become a good housewife."

be very interested to hear your opinion.'

"Certainly, Aunt Daisy. Goodbye."

"Good afternoon, 2ZB speaking."

Ritual of Welcome

After the prelude of boisterous community singing in the mood of Extravaganza songs' under the enthusiastic incitements of Dick Simpson and Derek Christensen. and a brilliant thought reading act by Ron Meck, with an interlude of light humour from Lava Sand-Freshers and the Rest were all set the discussion on all topics, particu-"What are your ideas on 'the new larly on the subject of sex, the better to fold their hands and sit back to morality?" "Salient" asked Scrim. it will be for the morals of the genera- hear the President's words. By in it, but the rest was quite true, 'remember about the niggers,' and all Personally, while I consider that tion. There has been too much of the being brief, flippant and friendly Things got so bad at one time that it that. Wouldn't let them forget it. They he struck just the right note.

And so the masses surged up-

Was it deep symbolism or was it a either by the bloody steam-roller type versity is the ideal place to gain this the rabbits? And who are the elimen over the radio about the six-mile race hood of the Empire. of revolution, or by the intelligent knowledge. I suppose that the luring them on? In his Presidential Matthews won. Boy, it was wicked!

"The University would be an ideal pretated in terms of symbolism and Had him swinging. They kept on pass- in a real bad way." place to teach religious tolerance, give support to the hope that Bright ing each other like this, and then the There is only one standard of truth, Ideas and High Aspirations and Col- next time Stanford came up behind but many approaches to it, and the lege Spirit will be surging up with him, the South African bloke pulled only sensible test that can be applied the rising tide of youth and beauty, right out to give him room to pass on to apparent solutions of all problems. Tracing this line of thought further, the inside, and just as he got alongside games which the papers callural to apparent solutions of all problems. Tracing this line of thought further, the inside, and just as he got alongside games which the papers callural to apparent solutions of all problems, is did the overhead streamers shading him, he gave it to him with his elbow, didn't tell us about it. You corrupt true religion the moment indicate the deepening loyalty for the a doctor and have him carried off the you introduce any element of bigotry gold of those who will be growing track on a stretcher."

or intolerance. You cannot monopolise into the traditions of V.U.C.? THE NEW SOPHISTICATES.

truth—you destroy it when you bottle it up." "What are your views on freedom but to those who are accustomed to was like that." lackadaisical behaviour and casual "Gee, boy, it was wicked!" "You destroy the value of debating clothes at 'Varsity affairs, must when you restrict it. Debating is been impressive. An unusual number—It appeared that the six-mile race Matthews. Reckoned they had some essentially designed to provide a wide of dancers were formally dressed, the was but one in a series of similar inci- one else set to win, I guess. Must field for discussion on a particular decorations were effective and the dents. "The athletes were quartered have come a bit of a flop." subject and if restrictions are intro- crowd set for galety.

duced, the debate can no longer be "Has 2ZB got a conscious policy:" to be well acquainted with the freshers several S.A. men kept on drumming on with feminine attractiveness which "Has 2ZB got a conscious policy:" and offers the opinion that they are the wall, making it impossible for him made it very difficult to get right down "All the commercial stations have a no incredulous lot "Sallant" agrees to become the property of the commercial stations have a no incredulous lot "Sallant" agrees. conscious policy. Ours is a more An air of sophistication seemed to dad man thought this was too much he said, "they were like flies." be general among the women. Appar- of a good thing, went through to per-"Our Professorial Board has banned basis of that policy is that pro-functions had to change their usual found a brawl on his hands. He got brother and sister athletes from all discussion on sex and religion at Uni-grammes shall be simple and humanidiscussion on sex and religion at Uni- grammes shall be simple and numanitechnique, for the expected ga-ga into it all right, and broke three ribs parts of our far-flung Empire, etc., etc." versity meetings. What are your tarian. Due regard is paid all the reception of their patronage was lack- in one of the South Address. time to the human factor in the listen-

In fact, to such an extent were these this?" newcomers blase and self-assured. the service at supper. Fortunately were sort of 'high society' and drew went home. there was one redoubtable present who could deal adequately with such impertinence.

CAME THE DAWN.

In spite of their new sophistication and dignity, the young people reacted to Rudolph's music as spontaneously —gambolied hilarlously to the military two-step, floated dreamily through the waltz and were properly reluctant to through the darkness upstairs maybe he caught an echo of the promises and sighs still lingering there. . .

But the Initiation is over, promises are fragile things, and the wheel of University life is turning.

According to "Salient's" Washington denced only by vague generalities. correspondent, the quarrel between

"I always think that you should get as much education as possible, shows no signs of abating. The effect climax in my opinion being the effort and a University education is delightful, isn't it? It helps to improve your brain if you've got one, and helps you to get a brain if you haven't got it will have on the President's private of Mr. Saunders. Claiming that the one. I think it's beautiful. You learn to take the rough with the smooth, fortune is still uncertain. A cousin sorid had advanced in the sphere of for their inability to visualise the true and it's so nice—the social side, I mean—laughing and playing together. of his who looks after his money, science and medicine, he asked—nature of those structures? about investing a part of it "Thank you very much, Aunt Daisy. I know our 'Varsity girls will

-R. L. M. your affair."

EMPIRE GAMES

The Other Side of the Medal

Recently "Salient's" representative had the opportunity of a quiet talk with a prominent New Zealand competitor at the Empire Games. For fear that officialdom might suspect that he had been paid for the interview (Not much danger!-Ed.) our subject requested that his name be not published. The Editor, however, accepts full responsibility for the accuracy of the reporting.

TROUBLE IN EDEN.

ford's style of presenting the about one of the Trinidad athletes Creake, our manager from New Zeahandful of stones?" I asked.

seemed the whole Empire village even came up to our boxers when they wanted to go down to the South were fighting a coloured chap and told Africans and start a 'donnybrook.' "

'How did it all start?' The South African marathon runner laughed. "Free of the encumbrance of short went into the race to crack up the

"Yes, we did hear that there'd been

Inc

in the basements of the grandstand Because he worked hard for a with thin partitions between the sec- was well to the front. On a Saturday

"Were all the South Africans like

that several complained haughtly of were really decent chaps. The others he has already begun training-and

the colour line pretty strongly. They "What was this we read in the papers even wanted to have a go at Mr. "Company Sergeant Major," the holding off an attack by some of the land. He's got some coloured blood in South African representatives with a him. The managers of the South Africans were mainly to blame. You There wasn't anything about stones know, kept on telling their chaps to

Price: Threepence

them to 'stick it in to him!' I ventured a mild exclamation that Well, the South Africans didn't like all this was hardly in accordance with jects, morality included. A revolution without a proper knowledge of the whimsical fancy to have rabbits fro the Trinidad athletes on account of the oath of loyalty to the amateur in human affairs can be brought about functions of their bodies. The Uni- licking around the walls? Who are their colour. You may have heard spirit of the games and the brother-

The New Zealand representative

"There's a whole lot more, too. One that comes from the soap-box orator discussion this irresponsible element pants and gym. dress, Freshers come others. You know. Make the pace too night some of the South Africans got hot. He'd run on a way ahead of the one of the Trinidad chaps on his own. Are the leaping and frivolous rabbits others. Then Stanford, the Trinidad They flattened him and started to 'put larly, is not valuable. But an imperssave them by banning discussion indicative of their coming? Then chap, would keep right after him, the boot in.' I honestly believe they'd maybe the rising sun that sprawled Every time the South African bloke have kicked him to death if the police beyond the stage can, too, be inter- eased up. Stanford would pass him, hadn't arrived in time. That chap was

"BOOKIES."

We dropped the colour question. It appeared also that there were several other interesting aspects.

"Was there much gambling on the "Plenty! Not only gambling, but

the bookies tried to 'get at' some of the 'blokes.' They tried to 'get at' me. a bit of elbow jolting in the early part. They offered me £10 to 'lie down,' but The scene, not only to freshers, of the race, but we hadn't any idea it I said 'What's the big idea? What d'you take me for? Anyhow, I can get thirty quid in New Zealand any day."

THE OLDEST PROFESSION

week trying to sell "Sallent" sub- tions. On one occasion, when one of night at about seven o'clock, the enscriptions to them, Mr. Edgely claims the Trinidad men was ringing up, trance to the Village was congested

All this was to us certainly a new THE SEX BAN. than most people imagine. The broad ently the "lions" of 'Varsity social suade the rowdies to stop, but soon side to the "greatest gathering of "Our Professorial Board has banned basis of that policy is that pro-

We thanked our friend for his courtesy and kindness in granting us this interview and wished him all the best "No, there were three or four who for the 1940 Olympic Games-for which

Inter - College Debate — I cannot say whether the Committee

of the Debating Club intended that the subject-"That the good old days were bad"-should be treated seriand simply as any other Gym, crowds ously or otherwise. In the result, several speakers endeavoured to show that the subject involved a logical Valeta, grew romantic over the Destiny absurdity—quite true, but that was and to put it mildly, considering even scarcely an excuse for the lack on the end the last dance. And when the one hand of an evening punctuated Commissionaire flashed his torch by the "thrust" of debate, or on the other hand, the absence of sound improved is questionable. However, views on the advancement or retro- he was correct in his claim that the gression of the world. Even Mr. Scotney's attempted humour was fit rather for the C.B.S. than for a University debate, and the attempts of all speakers to deal with the vital MINDING YOUR OWN BUSINESS, facts of the present era were evi-

As it was, the speakers falled President Roosevelt and Big Business lamentably from either angle, the asked him recently for instructions "What was the use of the good old out investing a part of it days if the people were not able to ing platform to deal with a serious "That's entirely your affair," re- combat disease?" Does Mr. Saunders subject, would be well advised first plied Franklin. The cousin immedi- really believe that the health of the to obtain a little direct knowledge on the newspapers print the most awful nonsense—I'm sure I didn't say ately bought a large number of community depends on medical serand a few facts relative to the realisation of it."

"Certainly, Aunt Daisy. Goodbye."

to obtain a little direct knowledge on ately bought a large number of community depends on medical serand a few facts relative to the realisation of it."

"And now," he wrote, "it's entirely condition of "the distressed areas" in Britain, or even the fact that 79 per

cent, of the children in London County Council elementary schools are affected, from a medical viewpoint, by ricketts—a disease fundamentally connected with under-nourishment?

We are living in a world distraught with mass unemployment, fascism, elementary matters, the further claim of Mr. Saunders that the inter-relations of society are now much people of the world are now better able to appreciate the truth of the world around them. But is this due to our advance in "science and educa-tion?" . How much indebted to · How much indebted to "education," in the sense that Mr. Saunders used the word, were those who initiated those crucial struggles for the freedom and betterment of the masses - how much indebted to "education" are even the present leaders

Those who venture on to a debat-

Says Jim Gentry:

Even Commissionaires at 'Varsity Dances find it hard to resist a glass of Aleprovided that it's the best ...

Cascade Ale

Obtainable at-

REGINALD COLLINS LIMITED "CASCADE CELLARS"

3 BALLANCE STREET, WELLINGTON



FOR YOUR DANCES!

FOR YOUR PARTIES!

46-111

W. C. Cooper Ltd.

Bakers and Pastrycooks

248 MAIN ROAD, KARORI : : Phone 26-693

- FOR -

Black & White Cabs

WELLINGTON'S LEADING TAXI SERVICE

Dial 55-180

McGREGOR WRIGHT'S **Modern Prints and Cards**

ARTISTS' SUPPLIES - PICTURE FRAMERS

115 LAMBTON QUAY

BUY YOUR GRADUATE GOWNS FROM HALLENSTEIN BROS., LTD.

GOWNS, HOODS, and TRENCHERS for B.A., M.A., LL.B., B.Sc., M.Sc., M.B., Ch.B., and M.D.

Strictly in accordance with official regulations and best quality material at reasonable prices PLEASE NOTE-We have been appointed Sole Suppliers of The Victoria University Students'

HALLENSTEIN BROS. LTD. 276-278 LAMBTON QUAY, WELLINGTON

42-050 (4 Lines) Telegrams: Empire, Wellington The Empire Hotel Willis Street - Wellington

Management: M. A. CARR Late of Hotel Cargen and Grand Hotel, Auckland

(Fully Licensed) RENOVATED AND MODERNISED FROM BASEMENT TO ROOF HOT AND COLD WATER AND TELEPHONE IN EVERY ROOM

UNIVERSITY

TUTORIAL

SCHOOL

MASONIC CHAMBERS

University Entrance Examination (Matriculation). Arts and Science Degree Subjects. Educational Courses in Literature and Languages. Engineering-Preliminary and Associate Membership Examinations of the British Engineering Institutions, Civil, Electrical, Mechanical

WHOLE-DAY, PART-TIME, OR EVENING COURSES. INDIVIDUAL SUBJECTS.

W. von Zedlitz, M.A.

PRINCIPAL Telephone 44-651

Telephone 44-651

IS GOOD FOR THE BRAIN - BUY THE BEST!

WHITHER BRITAIN? EXTRAVAGANZA

Shortly after his departure for Germany at the end of 1937. the suggestion was made that Lord Halifax was going to see Goering, Extravaganza, when approached by not merely to swap hunting yarns, but perhaps to swap colonial claims for a free hand in central Europe. This aroused a rather comic storm that the Selection Committee, after of protest in the press, but the fact remained that on the statesman's submitted, had chosen the following return, official pronouncements were made to the effect that the mission "had not proved fruitless." In view of the hearty acclamation 1. "A Banned Item," a curtain-raiser with which the Nazi press greeted the appointment of Halifax to the control of the "peace" mission it is not difficult to guess the 2. tendency of the talks; and judging by subsequent events, such as the recent Nazi coup in Austria, Hitler's threats to Czecho-Slovakia 3 which he now no longer even pretends to conceal, and Britain's apparent unconcern in face of both, it seems far from fantastic to suppose 4. that the Fascist drive to the East and the snaring of game in Central Europe formed the subject of at least one of the yarns.

Then with appalling suddenness Mr. Anthony Eden's resignation year are all of a particularly high comes as a bolt from the red white and blue. The next step after standard, overshadowing all previous Germany was Italy, but unfortunately for Mr. Chamberlain, the Extravaganzas. As there are to be no goodwill mission to Italy did not proceed as smoothly or as far of the term, it is an ideal opportunity as that of Lord Halifax.

There have long been those who claimed that the contradictions take an active part in Capping festiviinvolved in the foreign policy of the Conservative Cabinet must also in any work connected with Cappultimately show themselves; but there can have been very few who ing. If anyone questions the opporforesaw how sharply and suddenly that state of affairs would arise. tunities for enjoying oneself in these

Lord Halifax and his mission and Mr. Anthony Eden and his has participated in them for the last resignation show clearly what those contradictions are.

Since 1933 the British Government has been faced with the commencing on Saturday, May 7th. unwelcome presence of nations who were at once both a threat Preliminary meetings will be proto the undisturbed possession of the British Empire, and an attempt claimed on the Notice Boards. Soto prolong the already over-ripe old age of the Capitalist order get busy! "Salient" hopes to divulge further of society; whose desperate recklessness was a constant embarrass- details of this year's shows next week: ment and whose debts were alpine. Three solutions were possible.

Either H.M. British Government might by judicious negotiation and political prestidigitation sacrifice parts of the British Empire to the land hunger of Fascism and thus ensure its continuance; or it might, from within the League of Nations, shoulder its full 1. joint responsibility with the other democracies in resisting fascist aggression, thus hastening its inevitable collapse; or it might search for a lamb to lead to the slaughter.

THE NEW DIPLOMACY

The first possibility was unpleasant, but a possibility; the second was definitely unthinkable; for what social order would be more likely to follow the collapse of Fascism than some socialist order? This is, and always will be, anathema for the British Conservative Party.

The third was a more likely possibility and there can be little 3 doubt that this is the task towards which the best efforts of British diplomacy have been directed over the recent months, from the time Lord Halifax left London for Berlin, up to the recent Cabinet split.

After all, British diplomacy has long been concerned to weaken the link between France and the U.S.S.R., and little though our diplomats like the prospect of German expansion to the East—the prevention of which was one of the main things which brought Britain into the last war-they may well regard it as the least of the evils 5. with which they are faced today. Given that the League idea of settling disputes on the basis of justice is discarded—and it seems it is-diplomacy must necessarily be concerned with tactful arrangements for the sacrifice of the weak to the strong.

It was upon the question of the choice between the first and third N. alternatives that the Cabinet split.

According to Mr. Anthony Eden's view the time had come to call a halt in the process of bolstering up Fascism. The Spanish war had taught him a lot. The "life line to India" via the Mediterranean ston Street, Wellington, C.I. was directly threatened by Germany at Gibraltar, and at the Red Sea by Italy's African Empire. There must be no more sops to tion the following:-Cerberus, and the time had come for a showdown with the unruly (a) Negro Debating Tour of New Zeadebtors, regardless of the consequece. The maintenance of the integrity of the British Empire demanded it. The possible result of such a showdown—nothing less than the collapse of Fascism—was to Mr. (c) Scheme for insurance of students' Chamberlain, unthinkable. This divergence of opinion had grown more marked as the days went by and the progress of the Spanish War showed the Imperialist ambitions of the Fascist powers in Spain. The question which had to be faced was how far was Britain willling (e) A general investigation into emto let them go. Mr. Eden said "No further." Mr. Chamberlain hasn't made up his mind yet.

The issues stand clear. Mr. Eden refuses to sacrifice the British Empire to Fascism. Mr. Chamberlain regards the benefits of the continuance of Fascism, or rather the avoidance of Socialism, as (g) Standardisation of the greater than dangers to the British Empire it involves. You can still draw dividends from half a British Empire; but you couldn't draw more than their money's worth out of dividends in a Socialist Britain. Better half a loaf than no bread.

Mr. Chamberlain had his way. The changeover is complete. (1) By demanding information (by Lord Halifax has supplanted Mr. Eden. The pro-Fascist elements toleram) from our information are temporarily well scated in the saddle, The question which con-Bureau, which is qualified to give you cerns you and me is, where will they turn the horse's head? Towards advice on any phase of N.Z.U. life or Geneva, or towards Berlin-Rome-Tokio?

The Cabinet re-shuffle contains several possibilities. At first it haven't got it on tap then we will promptly get it for you. We have our appeared that the issue of Fascism or the British Empire might be secret sources. a wedge which would cleave the Conservative Party in two. It (2) By obtaining from us before appears, however, that the self-styled champions of individualism which entities you to whatever con-and freedom of thought have no tears to shed at the loss of one cessions in fares, hotel tariffs, etc., are whose opinions differ from theirs, and the possibility of a serious going for students in other countries. split within the party is disappointingly small.

The effect on the electorate, however, is more problematical and benefit of students, and will only go out of existence for two reasons. it remains to be seen how far the enormous propaganda resources Firstly, it will close down if it finds of our rulers will be successful in overcoming the natural indignation that there is nothing it can do to furof a hoodwinked electorate which elected the party to power on ther students' interests. the assumption that the League of Nations and Collective Security Secondly, the Association will go out would be the foundation of British foreign policy.

The general opinion, no doubt, will be that instead of telling be our fault. Halifax to go to Hitler, Hitler should be told to go to Halifax. Authorities on N.Z.U.S.A. at V.O.C.

SHOWS SELECTED

Mr. Agar, Organiser of this year's "Salient's" representative, announced

- by Ronald L. Meek.
- "Adam Baba and Leagues," a Satire by The Seven Pillars of Wisdom. "Port Nick Iniquity," an Interlewd
- by John Carrad. "Olympian Nights," or "The Wisdom of the Gods," an Extravaganza by Ronald L. Meek.

Mr. Agar said that the shows this for everybody, Freshers included, to activities, let him consult anyone who čew years.

"Cappicade" will run for four nights,

"Salient" Points

- The staff desire to print all letters and articles in their manuscript form with a minimum of alteration. Would all students who do not wish to have their copy sub-edited please leave a phone number with which we can communicate? Unless this is done we cannot show that consideration for your opinions we would like to.
- All contributions must be written on one side of the paper and on sizable sheets.
- All articles, etc., must be signed or under a pseudonym. The paper accepts no responsibility for signed articles.
- Some letters in this issue have had to be abridged. We want to adhere strictly to the policy of printing contributions unaltered. Would correspondents help us by restricting letters to 300 words?
- The staff requests that contributors place the approximate number of words on any copy they send in.

A STATEMENT

Association Headquarters are in Norwich Chambers, 153-155 Feather-

The Executive has under considera-

land in 1938.

(b) Australian Athletic Tour of New Zealand in 1938-39,

health and also of their books, ber-

sonal effects and instruments. Scheme for cheaper sale of text

ployment of graduates and undergraduates.

(f) The question of reductions for students in lares, freights, etc., on New Zealand rallways.

charged by the N.Z.U. for degrees. Two ways in which students can get N.Z.U.S.A. are:-

telegram) from our information even overseas information. If we

The N.Z.U.S.A. exists solely for the

it. If we fail for this reason it won't

Authorities on N.Z.U.S.A. at V.U.C. -A.H.S. tensen or Agar. Consult them for further information.

COMPETITIVE UNIVERSITY

In an age in which the most urgent need in all human activity is co-operation, it is surprising that the University should still lay chief stress and emphasis on the individualistic attributes of originality and independence. Yet perhaps this need not surprise us, for it is but the natural outcome of an individualist conception of society and laissez-faire economics.

thesis-writing of the University imagine that the educational organ- Sucating soot that we know-held together, it may isation of society could be completely Plunges through the hill, —E.M.B. be by no more significant link than independent of that society in the the impress of a teacher common to aims and ideals activating its funcall the authors—is eloquent evidence tioning. But just as some lag between of the way the university tends. To the theoretical and the practical is qualify personally is the aim. Com- inevitable, so we may hope that petition is the keynote, and the more education may see far enough ahead a man can absorb the work of his to direct the change of social patterns. fellows and erect thereon, unaided To foster the co-operative rather than and alone, his solitary and exclusive the competitive would involve perhaps contribution, the more highly he is as fundamental a change in the Unipraised. The unusual or unique derives versity of to-day as can well be con- Oh, weep for Ferdinand with me! from this competitive atmosphere a ceived. But it would mean that the He rests beneath a cypress tree, fanciful and unreal value. Research University would be contributing The earth a pillow for his headreaches ever higher peaks of comic more vividly and pregnantly towards In other words, my friends-he's dead! puerility, so long as the quest for moulding the shape of things to come. individual newness of topic be ful-

SCIENCE-ITS PLACE.

In the realms of the sciences these strange pursuits have, indeed, richly repaid their devotees; and within this field the method may well be defended and deemed justified by its fruits. But life is not wholly-not even mainly-a question of scientific research. The need for original and independent thinking is limited; for co-operative effort, universal. The individualist drive to "independent" thought has quite outrun the emphasis on capacity for co-operative co-ordination. Yet in an age blighted by the chaotic legacy of laissez-faire and private enterprise, co-operation of some sort is clearly the essential instrument of change. For the academes, no doubt, cut off as they are by the very fog of their mental vapourings from a vision more extensive than the precincts of their own labours, individualism may yet be the summum

THE WORLD OUTSIDE.

ation remains not merely the keynote until they are convinced of the idento further advance, but the pivot upon tity of their case and cause. Yet in And other phrases more uncouth, which turns the very subsistence of their potential unity-little threat- Which understood would only be the society we know. Through the ened by the isolationist influences of By students of biology! distorting windows of the examination the University-lies their true hope Instead of shouting: "Pass the ball!" house, it is all too easy to see an and the promise of a co-operative age. Young Ferdy to his mate would call: ill-proportioned landscape.

Dear "Salient."

The haphazard and unco-ordinated Utopian, of course, it would be to Like a turching drunkard

NEARER HOME.

The homely illustration of local And gaily strike the piccolo! University affairs may add point. The Why? Look, and you will understandchaotically individualistic state of it is the Fresher Ferdinand! Weir House occupancy should be a See, flawless clothes his looks enhance, warning and a sign. The pathetic And green and yellow underpants! attempts at co-ordination in everyday Now, Ferdy's adolescent mind student affairs are notorious. From Was most aggressively refined; the selective sifting of secondary He thought that every little snork schools (symphonic sibilants!) come Was dropped down chimneys by a students trained to strive as teams on the field-and as Crusoes in the class- He thought-most ignorant of malesroom. For such the University is That Marie Stopes wrote Bed-time hungry; to them it extends an eager but clammy hand. A few short years. He thought-no more will I narrate, and they will leave its halls, thinking Such folk make me expectorate! atomically, acting atomically-wel- The students in the Common Room come (or superfluous) cogs, ready for Filled Ferdy with religious gloom, their place in an atomic society.

The result is observable in the acti- A model of propriety. vities of tory as of radical organisa- Now, Ferdinand at school had been tions, though in capitalist society the A forward in the fourth fifteen. tories have the more formidable task. And he had vowed, that when he came Given a competitive market, genuine To 'Varsity, he'd play the game. co-operation of exploiters is an econ- He entered into it with zest, omic absurdity. On the other hand, But could not fail to be impressed the workers can co-operate. Yet, By certain words the players used despite the familiar exhortation. When they were tackled, kicked or workers of the world do not unite. This they will see no occasion to do They often murmured "Dash" and

-HENRI MANDL.

NO BIRDS SING

A listless woman at her doorway Looks and shrugs and strongs inside. Indifferent,

The crowded train grinds on.

Her house is brown and smells of smoke.

Just one that makes a row of shacks. Her fretful children whine and fight, And kick dead coal along the tracks.

On and grinding on the train

Cautionary Tale FOR GROWN-UP CHILDREN

No. 2.- FERDINAND, THE REFINED FRESHER.

Oh, loudly let the cymbals blow, stork;

Tales:

And he resolved that he would be

bruised.

"Strewth,"

You'd gain by handing me the sphere!" But one day-friends, if you have tears shed, prepare yourselves, my dears-

Our Ferdinand, as side support Was pushing as a forward ought, When someone swore, a bit frate, And Ferdy dared to remonstrate!

-R.L.M.

MIRACLES MADE SAFE.

As you know, Mussolini is fond of boating and fishing. News of his latest Far be it from me in regard to films, Mediterranean expedition with his to praise the "ape-man" Gable, or the son Vittorio, is just to hand from "coquette" Crawford. This is not "Sallent's" special marine correspond-

> At the end of the day Il Duce was seen to stand up in the boat and

"Are there any of our warships

"Are there any submarines?" "No father, none."

"Are there any bombers?"

"No father, Why do you ask?" "Well son, if there aren't any war-Song, which song, it was impressed it has in its clutches. Sir cleanliness ships, or any submarines, or any 'n art is the outcome of clean minds, bombers, I guess I'll walk upon the

> Rebecca West,-She has a mind like a sword-blade and a tongue like a whip.

> Heing understood by the wrong cople is most distressing.

Dr. Eder, "Don't go seeking for the heaven or in hell, just as you like.

THE GRADUATE AGAIN.

Graduate: "I'm looking for a job.

sir. President: "You look pretty good to day, and the performance will be me, but we can't afford any help at the

Graduate: "I won't be much help.



Cheap Travel by Train

CONCESSIONS TO STUDENTS:

> The Railway Department has a special thought for Varsity Students. It makes very convenient arrangements for parties of them travelling together for Sport or other outings.

PARTIES OF NOT LESS THAN SIX MAY EITHER-

(1) TRAVEL FIRST CLASS-Single at Second Class ordinary fare, Return at Second Class holiday excursion fare,

or (2) TRAVEL SECOND CLASS-Single at three-fourths of the ordinary Second Class

Return at three-fourths of the holiday excursion Second Class fare.

(The Minimum Charge per Adult Passenger is 2/-a);

Certificates authorising these concessions may be obtained upon reasonable notice, from any District Manager, Stationmaster, or Business Agent. .

SWALLOW Typewriter Supplies

WRITING INKS STAMP PAD INKS

STENCILS

CARBON PAPER STAMP PADS RIBBONS **DUPLICATING INKS**

BRITISH AND BEST

Sole Wellington Agents

J. A. McKAY CO. LTD.

Commercial Stationers

D.I.C. BUILDING

BOX 1536

PHONE 40-741

WILLERTON MOTOR ENGINEERING & GARAGE

60 MOLESWORTH STREET, WELLINGTON

Service, Satisfaction and Reliability

MOTOR AND GENERAL ENGINEERS

Manufacturers of Springs and Spare Parts for all Cars. Salvaging Contractors. Bring it to us-we will quote.

PHONES: 42-768, Works 27-605, Night

Subscribe

TO

'Salient'



21 Issues for 2/-

Posted, 3 -

It is Your Paper!

Support it by subscribing and contributing.

F. N. SPACKMAN LIMITED

presents NEW GOODS IMPORTED:

> Costumes Afternoon Dresses Woven Frocks Knitted Frocks Knitted Suits

Remember our HIGH-GRADE TAILORING DEPT. Large Stocks of Latest Materials to choose from.

F. N. SPACKMAN LTD.

5 WOODWARD STREET (Opp. Midland Hotel) Phone 42-353

of the junior student, this verse is a potential menace, to the politically tion of the year is always eagerly anticonscious, it is an insult.

Chauvinistic emotionalism is to be cessful than usual. A splendid cast fostered in our universities?

-Yours faithfully, J. B. AIMERS.

BY JINGO!

of blatantly undisguised lingoism as

upon the assembly, should be learned

and glory-loving-of the students, and

as such is to be unconditionally con-

To the immaturely receptive mind

by every student.

-lemned.

I suggest that steps be taken to have this degrading survival of barbarism omitted from collections of College Songs, lest its sentiments be ascribed to the Student Body .- I am, etc.,

PATRICK McCASKILL means you!

MAN'S LAND ear "Salient,"—I take up my pen They turned him on his heaving turn.
I expected your staff to set a high in defence of Romanticism, as opposed And—trod upon him in the scrum! standard in the first issue and I was to Realism as depicted by "J.D.F." The not disappointed. The attractive ap film, "Dead End," which he has so Shall I relate how doctors came pearance of the paper and the readable graphically described, in my opinion At the conclusion of the game; articles were excellent. One small at least, gains no atom of attraction How, wading gently through the blood, article, however, marred the paper: by the description. In fact it appears They sifted Ferdy from the mud; "Advice to Old Maids." Why waste revolting. It appears as a holocaust How people, gazing at the spot, your space, when your staff is capable on the altar of man's worst motives. Observed-well, no, 1'd better not! of using it to better advantage? The an outrage against decency, and the I'd harm susceptibilities

article was merely a smutty attempt at writer deplores what decency existed. By giving details such as these, Sir, the twentieth century is suffly Suffice to say, that, in my mind, smart humour. Perhaps it would raise a laugh at a smoke concert, but your ciently degraded without such degrada. Poor Ferdinand was most refined! average reader has not the "ndvan- tion as this discolouring the minds of tage" of the smoke concert atmosphere, the people. To take the veil off turpi-It is unpleasant to find in "Salient" un tude of this description is like pollutarticle which you would expect to find ing the clean air of heaven by opening in the journals mentioned in J.D.F.'s a sewer. Sir, can man realise his

"For Embryo Dons." My advice, sin-cerely offered, is: "Be clean, dear 'Salient, and let who will. Be clever." Far be it from me in regard to films, Romance. . This is the product of the ent. realism which "J.D.F." so ardently ad-Dear "Salient,"-To any thinking mires. It is the "blowsey old char" member of the Student Bart, any stu- who delights in the posturings of survey the horizon, dent who has given consideration to Crawford. It is the one outlet of "Are there any o the extremely critical state of World emotional stress. The excess of reality about, Vittorio?" he asked, Peace today, it comes as a distinct in her life drives her to an excess of "No father, none." A pause. Peace today, it comes as a distinct in her life drives her to an excess of

shock to encounter such an example sentimentality. Sir, I damn all Realism, in this world was placed before a student audience and the next, in the lecture-rooms, in at the Freshers' Welcome this evening, the theatres and in daily life; just as I refer to the last verse of the College Realism damns for ever the souls which Rubbl Atth is the product of the gutter, waters,' This verse is nothing more nor less and if Realism is synonymous with than a highly-colourful appeal to the filth . . . let us have it out of the more primitive emotions-both warlike world .-- Yours truly. D.M.S.

This letter has been slightly shortaned.-Ed.1

"MR. PIM PASSES BY"

The Dramatic Club's first presentacipated, and "Mr. Pim Passes By," a completely honest man, leave him in Of what good, Sir, is a strenuous Consedy in Three Acts by A. A. Milne. move for Peace on the part of the to be performed on Thursday and Don't spell truth with a 'T.' only with students of the world, if this type of Friday next, will prove even more suc- a 't.' has been reheaviling assiduously for some weeks, under the direction of Pat-McCask[II (remember "Bob?").

Students' night will be on the Thurscolleged by a supper and a dance, present." Reprehody will be there-and this

QUIST ON TENNIS

Of Norman E. Brookes, the greatest lawn tennis player Australia has produced, it was said that, when learning the game, he hit the back fence more than anything else. But gradually he gained control over his wild hitting, and with control came accuracy. Then followed appreciation of the art of placing, and in course of time there was developed the tennis technique and brain that were the envy of the

But Adrian K. Quist, Captain of Australia's Davis Cup team. maintains that the average club player should strive for accuracy first.

Interviewed by "Salient" immediately after playing exhibition games at Miramar with New Zealand's best players, Quist was only too willing to answer questions." A powerfully-built, bronzed Australian, he more than atones for lack of inches by extraordinary agility and anticipation. He should have years of first-class tennis ahead of him, for he is only 24, and some authorities hold that a tennis player does not reach his best until he is 27 or 28.

DOUBLES TACTICS.

what he preaches. Reputed to be the Fred Perry, most famous of the players In the doubles game, Quist practices finest doubles player in the world, he of the rising ball. advocates the attacking doubles forma-

serving," he asserted. One of the strokes on the courts and not allow the striking features of his play was the element of competition for points to rapidity with which he himself reached the net after serving, although to the close observer it appeared that he came

attained, the player should stand at a in support on the racquet handle until distance from it commensurate with just before the moment of impact, his height—a short man should stand V. B. McGrath, of course, does not further away than a tall man. The withdraw the left hand at all, but player receiving service should always firmly grasps the racquet handle with "Well, what do you know about Mr. stand well in on the service and enit when executing his now wellknown Coira's wart?" asked "Salient." deayour to hit the ball on the rise, thus doublehanded backhand. gaining time. In singles, however, the Quist obligingly posed for a quick this morning that it was something receiver may stand further back, for photo, the five racquets under his arm; he'd had for breakfast!" the time element is less important than then, a friendly handshake and his service is welcomed by the opposing his sturdy way to the dressing shed.

of when it is falling?" the Davis Cup absence of an entry from New Zealand, stroke, so that a breath is taken on player was asked.

Quist's opinion was unequivocal. Before it reaches the top of its budge.

bound, that is, on the rise," he replied.

onter when they are practising.

GRIPS.

close to foot-faulting in his eagerness ern" grip of the racquet. Incidentally, swimming as a curative measure, she to follow in on this powerful weapon he took five racquets out to Miramar managed, despite this grave disability. of his. And at the net the terrific with him. A peculiarity of his back- to become New Zealand's premier power with which he punched his vol- hand had interested "Salient" during lady swimmer." leys and smashes was a revelation; the exhibition. Questioned, Quist said seldom was there an effective reply. that it was merely for the sake of added The desired position at the net being steadiness that he kept his left hand

"Salient" wishes Quist and his com- ming? Should the ball be hit before it panions good luck and good health in hough it will be hard to make it This

TRAMPING CLUB

memories has come and gone.

During the past year the activities make your week-end motto: "See you Games?"
of the Tramping Club have been on the hills." maintained to a high degree; success ful fixtures have been held to all regions of the Tararuas and Orongorongas. More distant localities such as Tongariro National Park and the on paper fair prospects in this event. Arthur's Pass region have been visited. Five of last year's crew are available,

TRIPS ACCOMPLISHED.

a scene of noteworthy activity. Under successful efforts at the Wellington perfect conditions the Club made its Regatta. Last year's emergencyseventh consecutive winter crossing Hull-is also keeping in trim, though of the Southern Tararuas; a record he is spending more time in the air which no other Wellington club has than on the water. There are a fine approached. Previous to Christmas lot of husky newcomers also eager a party of V.U.C.T.C. and T.T.C. for a place in the eight: of these. trampers made the crossing from Ellingham, Ryan, Mahood, Hermans, tury. A typically patient innings by Kaitoke to Waikanae, this being the Saunders, Jack and Fitzgerald seem Wiren took much of the sting out of first occasion on which a club party has to be all in the running for a 3-mile crossed by this route. Since Christ- jaunt on the Wha Estuary. mas the Club ushered in its New Year activities with a traverse of the Northern Tararuas from Levin to Master-ton under good condition.

NEW MEMBERS. &

graduation of older members.

Club Executive to enrol a strength of Department. Scores, particularly in Parkin and McPhail, our slow bowlers, new members and freshers greater snap and rapid firing, indicated that have taken two wickets each. than ever in the past. It is the desire members need some practice yet before to encourage all those who are inter- reaching the standard required to re- was an excellent performance; and for ested in tramping, mountaineering, tain the Shield. With still four prac- the Thirds good bowling was done by and skiing, to take an active interest tices to go before Tournament, the Murphy, although his team suffered

Tramping Club without delay. Look for the Tramping Club column in 1937 with its tramping days and every issue of "Salient." Don't forget

ROWING CLUB

This year there would appear to be by large and enthusiastic parties of supporters.

TRIPS ACCOMPLISHED.

TRIPS ACCOMPLISHED.

TRIPS ACCOMPLISHED. and are resting for a few days to The Tararuas themselves have been recuperate from valiant though un-

RIFLE CLUB

Last Saturday, 5th, saw the commencement of Haslam Shield practices. Each year the ranks of the Club are This practice in itself did not amount Whiting, a promising batsman, batted seriously depleted by the transfer and to much, since much of the time was well for 41. He had good defence and This year it is the purpose of the rifles loaned to the club by the Defence gerald hit vigorously, if luckily, for 25. in this sport—this interest can best club is confident of being able to pro-be fulfilled by joining the V.I'.C. duce a team every bit as good as that which captured the Shield last year.

DANCE ORCHESTRA

Phone 47-458

STEWART DAWSON'S BUILDING

Money and a list of names not already handed in.

MATCHLESS MONA

Her Views on Swimming and Mr. Coira's Wart

Those who were fastidious enough to attend a recent swimming club weekly meeting were given a unique treat. The committee had arranged for Miss Mona Leydon, New Zealand's 440 and 220 yards woman champion. to be present. Miss Leydon swam in a 220 scratch invitation race and a 100 yards backstroke race, winning both in face of stiff opposition from picked men from the University and Hutt Clubs, "Salient" interviewed Miss Leydon and her interim chaperon, Mr. P.

"I suppose you want to know my age and place of birth?" smiled Mr. Coira. "And any birthmarks," suggested 'Salient.'

"Well," said M. Coira, "I do possess a most unusual birthmark. Look!" Mr. Coira poked out his tongue.

"Salient" gazed goggle-cyed. "Yes," said Mr. Coira; "wart on the tongue. There's only one other person in New Zealand's got that."

"What is your relation to Miss Ley-"Salient" called to mind the name of don?" asked "Salient."

"Don't be lewd!" replied Mr. Coira. 'As a matter of fact, I'm the North Quist does not approve of the playing Island representative of the New Zeaof sets as a means of practice. Club land Amateur Swimming Association. "One man should always be up at players should content themselves with, Part of my job is to meet all these the net, even when the opposition is in the main, trying to perfect their damn swimmers and look after them while they're in the village

"Miss Leydon's success is due to consistent training and consistent endeavour. One of her legs is, as you The South Australian uses the "East- know, paralysed, and, after taking up

MISS LEYDON.

Miss Leydon, a charming and sincerely pleasant lass, was rather bashful "Salient" interviewed her. when

"Oh, I don't know anything about swimming," she said.

When "Salient had recovered from

in doubles, where a weak return of attractive smile, and he was wending this, we asked, "What is the main characteristic of modern crawl swim-

"Bilateral breathing," answered Miss The start of its bound, at the top, their quest for the Davis Cup. In the Leydon, "You breathe every third we hope it may go to Australia, al- the left and right sides alternately. method increases stamina greatly."

"How do you like these baths?" "Fit for a king. You must have a terrible lot of fun at these club nights -there's such a nice crowd here. It's much better than Auckland.

"What was the most thrilling thing -you are welcome on all trips-so in your recent trip to the Empire

"Getting the Silver Fern on my blazer. I suppose it means as much as a 'Varsity Blue does to you. I say, who's that boy standing over by the board. Isn't he nice looking?

"What is your method of training?" "In training for the quarter mile, I swim 600 yards night and morning. the first 440 as fast as I can go, and the remaining distance at a more leisurely pace."

Take note. Salamanca swimmers!

CRICKET

Against Old Boys, the Senlors made 228, P. Wilson contributing a fine centhe bowling, and Harding and Harpar also batted well. If the latter would eliminate the propensity to recklessness in his batting, he would score more heavily.

Hutt with 170 for 5, are leading the Seconds, who were dismissed for 133. spent zeroing the sights of service is patient without being stodgy. Fitz-

Bray's 7 for 38 for the Junior B team

The respectable people only insist so much on their honesty because they have nothing else in their favour; it is like the chastity of the plain woman -making a virtue of necessity.---Ethel Mannin.

Please return "SALIENT" RECENT BOOKS

together with

V.U.C. DRAMATIC CLUB

Presents A. A. Milne's

"Mr. Pim Passes By"

Thursday and Friday Next

17th and 18th March.

8 p.m.

In the College Gymnasium

Students' Night! . . . Thursday, 17th.

Supper and Dance

ACMISSION: ONE SHILLING

PROFITS TO BUILDING FUND

Club Secretaries—See that your committees buy from our Advertisers.

Students

You must remember to go to-

....We recommend our Advertisers; patronise them.

WHITCOMBES RECOMMEND-"I Search for Truth in Russia," by Sir Walter Citrine. WHITCOMBES RECOMMEND—"I Scarch for Truth in Russia," by Sir Water Civrile. A revised and enlarged edition of "the most objective book on Russia yet written." The new material covers events of the end of last year, which have fulfilled many of the author's prophecies in the original edition of the hook. Price 5/6, "Japan Over Asia," by William Henry Chamberlain. Recommended by the book society, this timely book gives a masterly interpretation of Japan's foreign policy, as well as a very readable presentation of the philosophic and cultural background so necessary for an understanding of the Japanese character, and the foreign and domestic aims of that nation. Price 18/6.

WHITCOMBE AND TOMBS LTD.

You may forget to keep your eye on the ball . . . BUT . . .

THE SPORTS DEPOT

WITCOMBE & CALDWELL LTD.

Suppliers of Superior Sporting Materials *

WELLINGTON 45 WILLIS STREET

STUDENTS! Your housekeepers will get excellent service and you will get excellent meat from

56 Courtenay Place

Telephone No. 52-036

TOURNAMENT AND CAPPING FESTIVITIES LOOM AHEAD!

You'll stand the strain if you eat NOURISHING FOODS from

SELF-HELP CO-OP.

FOR SUPERIOR DENTISTRY Consult-

H. W. Frost ONLY ADDRESS:

H.B. Building, 278 LAMBTON QUAY (Next Kelburn Tram) Wellington, C.1 - GORDON McCALLUM, B.D.S., Manager

Students:

THE CAFETERIA is run by the Students' Association in your interests

Use it!

for BETTER and CHEAPER Meals

SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Wednesday, March 16th-Thorndon Baths

SEE— Thrilling Races! Water Polo! Novelty Events!

AND SEE- Professor Ah Mihk Escape Under Water from a Sealed Sack!!

Admission only 6d.!

Everyone Will Be There!