

# Salient

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## HON. MENTION FOR HUNTER

### Ivory Towers Outdated

1943 brought new highlights in the outspoken tradition of Undergraduates' Supper. Most notable of the student toasts were those to the Professorial Board, the exec., and the ladies.

Held this year upstairs in the Gymnasium, which was incidentally looking its best, the undergrads and graduands (ostentatiously waving free tickets) and staff sat down to table. After a tactful pause during which a large amount of food disappeared, Mr. Boyd, chairman for the evening, called on the company to drink the Royal toast.

Mr. J. Winchester, in the first speech of the evening, rose to speak to the toast of the Professorial Board.

Mr. Winchester said that at Undergraduates' Suppers it had always been customary to slate the Professors for their laziness, timidity and general academic isolation. Mr. Corner had made these points last year. But the larger view was the only correct view.

Being a Professor at a New Zealand University does not pay as well as being even the poorest criminal lawyer or the phoniest public accountant.

Libraries were poor, laboratory facilities were wretched. There was no Sabbatical year. The staff were denied refreshing contacts with professional colleagues.

And as for their students. They had to lecture to audiences of over a hundred. Such conditions would have been disgraceful in the Middle Ages. Their pupils came to them at a very much lower age than they did to Universities in other countries. They came to the University after passing through the most elaborate and ingenious machine for destroying the natural enthusiasms of youth ever designed by the mind of man. He meant the New Zealand Secondary School system.

The fact that the Professors managed to get along at all was a great tribute to their devotion, and despite these conditions V.U.C. had on its staff men who brought distinction not only to our College but our country.

The only test for men and for institutions was what were they doing about Hitler.

How did the College staff measure up to this test? He thought very well. At the beginning of the war Sir Thomas had officially offered the facilities of the College to the Govt. This had been supplemented by personal offers of service from members of the staff, and now one staff member was lecturing 39 hours a week!

There were exceptions, Mr. Winchester pointed out. Deadbeats on the staff thought they could sit back and take things easy because they were not of age for military service and their classes had shrunk. Could the students throw stones? It was a flimsy glasshouse that some of them lived in. While older students could go on remaining indifferent to the rest of working and fighting New Zealand they had no come back.

#### SUCH HONOURABLE MENTION

Sir Thomas stated that it was the first time to his knowledge that the staff had received "such honourable mention," and considered the rest deserved it. N.Z. conditions in the Colleges were far from ideal. Lecturing was overdone, staffing inadequate. "We have our fights," but the attitude between students and staff was easy, he stated.

#### STUDENT UNION

He looks for the day when a Students' Union would be formed—student management was efficient, as shown by the caf.—they'd be able to conduct their own buildings. Students overseas still had cause to remember V.U.C. with the parcels received. "I'm not going to say the staff don't make mistakes. We're not angels yet," said Sir Thomas, but on the questions of rehabilitation the staff and Students' Association could work together to make up for the years lost in fighting at the front. He looked to the day of a Student Union Building and Undergraduates' Supper held there.

The supper continued momentarily, then Gib and his boys gave a tune-ful(?) rendering of "Carry me back to old Noo Ziland"—an excerpt from the previous night's show.

#### GRADUANDS

Mr. R. Daniells, claiming immaturity in after dinner speeches, told us that the only successful one he knew was: "All right, dear, I'll do the dishes," and went on to say (re the Grads.), "I watched their progress with interest," and urged them to remember "the letters after your name are not a complete passport to fame." He stated his view that today war affects the student section of the community very vitally. The desolation of Polish Universities, which used to house 45,000 students, by Nazi professors, and students gave us an incentive to use knowledge worthily.

#### PUNISHABLE

Mr. McCaskill stated (re his great age) that he could see an ex-primary school pupil of his among the audience—not that he wished to be ostentatious! Also Midas touched his mother-in-law for a taxi; and after an incred-

ible series of puns spoke of students who made good or went to Training College.

"Gaudeamus" was sung with fervour, especially the first verse, which everyone appeared to know.

#### BRICKBATS

"Tonight I am hurling brickbats; last year I was dodging them," said Mr. D. Cohen, proposing the toast to the Exec. Our freedom here contrasted painfully with students in occupied territory. This war is not remote from us, but real and near as fascism is the deadly enemy of all culture and institutions such as ours. The Government has demonstrated its confidence in students by excusing many of them from military service. "The duty of students is to study; study as never before."

The Exec., as student leaders, should be aware of this position—their own criteria should be: for the war effort. The Exec. should rally the students, not wallow in their wake. How does the Exec. measure up? When will they put the war on their agenda? Ivory towers are of the past. Gone are the days when V.U.C. students can consider themselves apart from the trials, defeats and victories of the N.Z. people. I.S.S. days and parcels to soldier-students were moves in the right direction, Mr. Cohen stated, "therefore not in condemnation but in exhortation I give you 'The Executive.'"

#### EXECUTIVE

Mr. M. L. Boyd, in reply, stated that the Exec. was remembering the war, and endeavoured to foster social and cultural activities. He commended the social committee and thanked Sir Thomas for his co-operation.

"Brahms' Rhapsody" and a Roumanian Gypsy Dance, "Hora Staccato," were played by Mr. Johnson.

#### THE LADIES

Mr. W. Rosenburg with his usual gallantry first wished to propose the toast to the ladies who made the very excellent supper. After an anecdote or two and pointing out that women are for ever referring to "these Gothic Halls" and co-ed V.U.C. as bringing beauty and agreeableness, told us that he does not believe in "the weak sex." He told us of a lady friend who learned ju-jitsu—most effectively, it seemed! After saying a woman was superior in moral strength, the speaker ruined the chivalry of this remark by further amendments. "The ladies are the life," he concluded; "we all want a peaceful, better world after the war; we want their co-operation."

Mrs. Mary Boyd regarded the toast as a gesture of co-operation. Women needed it, in everyday life, in their

## PRESS BUREAU

The little known institution, known as N.Z.U.P.B. to a selected few met on the same week-end as the N.Z.U.S.A. Composed of representatives of the papers of the four Colleges, it forms a focal point for the exchange of views. This year a variety of motions were considered. Auckland brought down a motion favouring its abolition (not carried). The question of censorship was discussed with particular reference to Otago, as being most experienced in this respect.

#### ROSTRUM

The national centre this year is to be Christchurch, which gives them the responsibility of editing "Rostrum." This is the magazine of the four centres, and students are welcome to write for it. They may forward their contributions per "Salient."

Besides this the question of investing N.Z.U.P.B. funds (if any) in N.Z. Co-operative Publishing shares was considered, and Christchurch will look into this matter.

#### PROJECTED PUBLICATION

The number of subjects of topical importance to students—student health, rehabilitation and similar topics, prompted the Otago representatives to recommend that a sub-committee be formed to investigate the possibility of publishing such pamphlets, and the Victoria delegates Beverley Williamson and Cecil Crompton, were asked to investigate and take action in the matter.

The possibility of a faster exchange of inter-College news was also discussed, particularly on matters of general student interest.

# I.S.S.

The total proceeds from the I.S.S. Working Day held last term were £121/4/3. A cheque for the net proceeds, £111/9/6, has been sent to the Secretary in Christchurch, who will forward it to the Headquarters overseas.

Once again we wish to thank all those who helped to make this effort a success. —B.H.B.

fight for equal pay and as they are in every sphere of life today.

Aeolean Chorus was then sung.

#### ABSENT FRIENDS

Mr. L. Stark spoke of those in Tunisia, Britain, the Pacific, risking and giving their lives for truth and justice; the students on home defence, essential work and otherwise kept away, and in proposing the toast looked to the day when darkness would be vanquished and the students return to V.U.C.

## THAT EXEC. AGENDA

"When is the Exec. going to put the war on the Agenda?" The Exec. has got to find an answer to this question, which Dave Cohen put at the Undergraduates' Supper.

Now our Exec. is a good Exec. It is an Exec. which does a good job of administration, a better job than is done by any of the other Colleges. But in these times the tasks that face us demand something more than routine.

The Exec. has to ask itself how it is measuring up to its responsibilities to the students and to the community in the light of the people's struggle.

What are we doing about Patriotic Funds, for example? So far, nothing. Why does not the Exec. take the lead in having another Students' Work Day? Look how much was raised for the I.S.S. Many hundreds more could be raised for the sick and wounded appeal.

This is an honest, a decent way of raising money. Not only are we helping the boys overseas, we are also helping the wives and mothers they left behind them. We are also helping to earn for Victoria that sort of reputation we all want it to have.

Board is a real problem in Wellington now. Students suffer the most perhaps. They certainly can afford to pay least. What has the Exec. done about it? Has it ever even thought about it? Yet a matter like this should be on every agenda until there is no need for it to be on an agenda; until it is settled.

Why not explore the question of renting a few houses and letting rooms to students?

Again, we send a parcel to every student overseas at Christmas. Is this really enough? What a splendid gesture it would be if we sent them an extra one this year—a "Tunisia Parcel," a tribute to the magnificent job they have done!

These are just one or two of the many things that the Exec. could and should be working on.

—X.Y.Z.

## No Man's Land

Dear Sir,—Your correspondent says that there is a "very, very anti-Fascist" minority at the College. A minority of 99% incidentally.

Our student comrades in the Middle East are also very, very anti-Fascist. In fact, when they see a Fascist they shoot him. No doubt your correspondent thinks this is very extreme. He's all for moderation. He wouldn't have them go so far as this. Perhaps he would have them only cut off their ears, or if this is rather overdoing it, pelting them with breadcrumbs.

Your correspondent signs himself a law student. He should do very well at his profession. Is not a lawyer, sir, one who impartially defends right and wrong for money? There's no stopping a chap who's prepared to do it free.—I am, Sir,

Very, very regretfully,  
NOT VERY, VERY AMUSED.

Dear Madam,—Although it is not my wish to be prudish or in any way narrow-minded, I do feel that the so-called "Extrav." was vulgar and served no useful purpose. Had there been anything notably good in it one might have said that there had been work wasted that might have been better used; however, the general standard of mediocrity and worse showed no misused talent, and the result was uninspiring.

DISGUSTED STUDENT.

Dear Sallient,—As a fresher I was not unjustly surprised by the number of communistic articles published in this paper. I was, however, astonished to find that instead

of constructive criticism, the only matter printed consisted of a series of attacks on all democratic governments, bar the form adopted by Russia. Even this was not so amazing as the discovery that this anarchist group was as small as its noise was great.

Whatever be the aims, a revolution, political or financial, will cause none other than great harm to any country. Under an autocratic ruler it is necessary before any progress can be made, but in all cases the very abruptness will cause untold distress, and moreover, opposition to the movement itself. If in New Zealand the "Reds" urged a swift change, then they would remain only as the supporters of a small radical party in a divided country.

The communism that the people want is neither coarse nor Utopian, but it is the rational kind that will create a true democratic State, free from economic and political obligations, the only way a land should be left to the succeeding generation of fellow-countrymen.—Yours, etc.

NEMO.

Dear Sir—After previous experience with V.U.C. shows I will admit that I viewed the performance at the end of last term with unmixed disapproval. There is a war on—have students nothing better to do than to put on shows so unrelated to present day life that the war was not mentioned in its proper light? I do urge those who attend this College to tackle their responsibilities more seriously.

NO-FRESHER.

## "Extrav."

... This must be about the fifteenth "Extrav" that I've seen, though it would be little short of impudence to call this an "Extrav." Nowhere at any time have I seen an exhibition in more, thorough-going bad taste. In past years Victoria College students have reserved their sallies for Hitler, and Mussolini, and sawdust Cæsars everywhere. This time the Exec. has apparently permitted a performance which is a screaming tirade of abuse. Against whom? Against the enemies of our country? No; against the New Zealand Division, against our Allies, against decent private individuals and against a Government which, whatever its faults, is doing its best to see that our war effort is pressed vigorously. And this from my old Victoria College. I left sick and ashamed. . . .

## THINGS TO COME

June 10th.—Concert in Music Room by Marie Vanderbilt, 'cellist.

June 15th.—Relationship between Music and Pictorial Art, by Mr. T. Young.

July 13th.—Philosophical Aspects of Modern Science. Mr. Whittlestone.

August 10th.—"The Maori People Today and Tomorrow. Sir Apirana Ngata.

## SALIENT YAHOOOS

Sad to relate, there still remains at this college a sub-hominoid species of student whose main delight is in the organised and wholesale destruction of the enjoyment of others. Their activities are in no way limited to joyous and riotous celebration on appropriate occasions, in itself a pleasant occupation, but extend into the crude and obvious channel of the practical joke. Even the practical joke, when applied by a man of wit and ingenuity, can be a thing of beauty, a delight to watch. But in the hands of these morons . . . my god!

### Their Work.

The revue had but five minutes to run, upstairs the floor was ready, downstairs the band was waiting—for the ballet to change, officially. When, tired of pausing on the heels of ballerinas, the saxophone wandered into the sanctum, it was to be engulfed in a white murk of opacity—visibility about a foot. Flash-powder was the answer, set off by these daughters of iniquity (not the ballet) in the centre of the floor.

Doors and windows were wrenched open, and although, by the law of the cussedness of things, Wellington was blessed with a windless night things soon cleared sufficiently for the band to see their fingers, and therefore to play—stout fellers. Their heroic efforts were soon cut short however, by tear gas this time, and disgruntled, they went home.

Thus the student body has to thank these flap-eared hooligans for the following things:

(a) The loss of the goodwill of our regular orchestra, one of the very few still functioning in the city. By virtue of this, Tournament Ball came within an ace of being either cancelled or being provided with recorded music alone;

(b) Loss of the orchestra's fee;

(c) Disruption of the After-Revue Dance—but for the blood and sweat of a few public-spirited citizens it would have been complete;

(d) Bleary eyes and raw throats—too much tear gas.

Are we grateful? No!

Of the culprits, one woman alone is known. The social committee are considering a full report to Sir Thomas, which would probably lead to expulsion. A bit severe, perhaps, but they have to put the brakes on somehow.

### V.U.C. Dance Band

While our various chemical experts were applying antidotes upstairs, Norm Cummings, a veritable pianistic gymnast, sailed into action below with an impromptu collection of instrumentalists—drums, clarinet, and Dickie Daniell's squeeze bag. Made quite a good job of it, too, sufficiently so to continue the dance when it later returned upstairs. More power to their elbows.

There was but one further incident to enliven the evening. A short brawl between a crew of Weir House strongarms and a number of disgruntled dancers who, rightly or wrongly, held them to blame for preceding events. The clash was brief but spirited, entailing use of a hose—-one casualty.

All in all, an interesting evening, if liable to have unpleasant consequences for the moving spirits. So let it be!

OBJECTOR.

# GREAT STUDENT CONGRESS NEXT YEAR

## N.Z.U.S.A. WAKES UP

Most N.Z.U.S.A. Conferences are pretty sterile affairs. The two days every year are generally spent in petty bickering over trifling formalities. In contrast, this year's Conference, held here the week-end before last, was like a breath of fresh air. Delegates really got down to the sort of business they should always be tackling. Credit for this is mostly Victoria's. Need for a Student Congress, Affiliation of Training Colleges, Increase in Boarding Bursaries, Student Representation on Senate, Election of Representative Graduates to Senate, Cutting out of Long Vacations during the War—all these items on the agenda were brought up by our delegates, Miss Ann Eichelbaum and Messrs. M. L. Boyd and J. W. Winchester.

### CONGRESS

To put first things first. A Student Congress is to be held next Easter. Here if possible. Conference was unanimous on this. It will be the biggest thing in the history of the University.

Just what is intended? As outlined in Mr. Boyd's report it is this—the largest and most representative Congress of the students of the country that can be got together. For what? First, to discuss "The Student and the Answer to Fascism." Everything now must and can only follow from this.

How will the conference go about it? This remains to be thrashed out by the preliminary committees which will be set up in each College and Training College.

### Follow British Lead

Roughly, it will take the lines of the famous British Conference of the National Union of Students at Cambridge last year. 1,500 students from 85 universities and colleges, one in seventeen of all the students in the country, attended that.

They divided the matter this way:

1. The immediate answer.
  - (a) Students and the War Effort.
  - (b) The Universities we want.
  - (c) The Universities as the centres of Anti-fascism.
2. The long term answer.

In general the Congress came to the conclusion that the long term answer to Fascism lay in the building of a society in which those anomalies and injustices on which Fascism thrives did not exist.

Faculty Committees were set up in Arts, Science, Engineering, Medicine, Social Science, Education, Architecture and Agriculture. They asked themselves what they could do to fight Fascism; what they could do to produce a society in which bestial Fascism would find no place.

Famous British public men, Mr. J. B. Priestly, Mr. John Hadham, and Professor J. B. S. Haldane addressed the Congress.

Our Congress here would go much the same way.

Problems which delegates see will require particular reference are those of Rehabilitation, Utilisation of Science Students, Representation on the governing bodies of the University.

It is clear that a tremendous amount of spade work has to be done in the Colleges. This must start right away. The task of the Congress is to put the students of New Zealand on the map, to say for youth what nobody else will say for it.

### LONG VACATION?

An immediate suggestion for improving the students' present participation in the war effort was brought up also by V.U.C. Cut out the Long Vacation! How ridiculous it is, we pointed out, that science students should be working in freezing works or lifting hay during three months of the year. If they were at the University they were there because they were doing specialised work, so important that it necessitated their withdrawal from the armed forces. Their job was to do scientific work and they should be kept at it.

Otago pointed out that they had taken this matter up with the Minister of Health three years ago and had had no response at all.

If the Long Vacation were dropped a science course of four years could be cut to three.

Monetary compensation would have to be made, of course.

It was resolved that a deputation of N.Z.U.S.A. approach the Minister of Manpower and Health to ensure better utilisation of students in war time, with special reference to the cutting out of the Long Vacation.

### BURSARIES TOO SMALL

Boarding Bursaries.—V.U.C. pointed out that though every other class of worker, including teachers, Training College students and University lecturers, had received the increased cost of living allowance, the bursars had not. It was they who needed it most. It was also pointed out by Auckland that the bursaries were in any case laid down some years ago and made no allowance whatsoever for the very greatly increased cost of living, let alone that represented by the C.L.A. The Government is to be approached.

### REHABILITATION

A report of the sub-committee set up at last year's conference and made up of Durie Maysmor and Jim Winchester, was presented. The points it made were that the problem of rehabilitation is, and must necessarily remain for some time in flux.

The Government has brought down a scheme of free tuition of various kinds and liberal special and post-graduate bursaries. This has been published. Nevertheless the regulations so far drafted do lack precision. No mention is made of the conditions under which the various bursaries are to be held. No clear selection procedure is laid down. There is no indication as to what extent the bursaries are to be made available.

### Regulations Hazy

Lincoln pointed out that they were certainly not being made available to every ex-serviceman. There were

seven at Lincoln. One had a £5/5/- a week bursary and the others had nothing. They couldn't find out why.

Auckland said they had an ex-serviceman who wanted to take a diploma course. He was told that monies were not available for those who wish to take diploma courses. But Lincoln pointed out that all their ex-servicemen are taking diploma courses.

Among eligibility conditions that must be satisfied before applications for bursaries can be considered is the proviso that the ex-serviceman or woman must have served for at least twelve months. We feel that as it is very likely that servicemen may be in action under that period it would be most unjust to deprive them of the benefits of the scheme. The section requiring that the ex-serviceman or woman make application within three years of discharge, we feel, might also be deleted. Many wounded will not recover for many years after this war. They will want to take up free studies when they do. This bars them. It must be deleted.

It was also thought rather stiff that those who held post-graduate and special bursaries under the scheme should be expected to serve with the New Zealand Government for three years after their termination. These conditions did not apply to post-graduate bursaries awarded during peace time and it was not right that conditions should be any stiffer for rehabilitated men. They didn't owe the Government anything. The people of this country had a debt to pay them.

The endeavours being made by the Senate to lighten the amount of degree work that will be required of men taking professional degrees by jettisoning some of their non-professional subjects was welcomed.

### Science Students on War Work Overlooked

There was a class of students, the report goes on to say, which are being overlooked so far as rehabilitation benefits are concerned. These are those students, mostly Science graduates, who have been called up for work in Radio Location, etc. In many cases they have been forbidden to enlist. Many of them were taking other courses than the course in radio-physics that they are doing now. Something should be done to ensure that they have a chance to take up the Sciences they are really interested in after the war.

Conference decided to set up a Permanent Committee made up of Durie Maysmor, Jim Winchester and Dr. Blair to keep an eye on rehabilitation matters during the year.

### SHOULD TRAINING COLLEGES AFFILIATE?

Should the Training College Students' Associations be affiliated to N.Z.U.S.A.? Victoria thinks so. Mind, this does not mean the affiliation of the Training College Student Associations in the various centres with their local University College Student Associations. We hope to see that later. But we did not press for it at the Conference.

Our Case. In Britain and in South Africa Training Colleges are affiliated to the National Union of Students, and the National Union of South African Students is one of the two liveliest

Student Federations in the Empire. Everything that goes for them should go for us.

Anything that helps to make N.Z.U.S.A. the voice of all New Zealand students is to be welcomed. The Training Colleges have no national body of their own. N.Z.U.S.A. could be that body, could help voice those grievances which their present weak and disorganised position prevents them taking up.

The advantage of collaboration in the sporting field needs no mention.

What was the reaction to our proposal? Stupid and childish prejudice.

Otago thought that the T.C. students were of a very much lower intellectual standard. They had no interest in the corporate life of the University. They were very much against it. The Training College students could form their own national organisation. If there was affiliation the little interest shown already by T.C. students in University affairs would decrease.

C.U.C. saw "no real need for combining."

A.U.C. "no real advantage."

### T.C. Keen

To the contemptible suggestion that T.C. students were of a lower intellectual standard than Varsity ones, V.U.C. replied that it was very much harder to get into T.C. than into Varsity. Not only were the academic requirements stiffer, the entrance age was higher, and students had to pass a rigorous character and physical examination before entry.

V.U.C.'s experience did not at all bear out the remark that T.C. students were not interested in College affairs. Our last three Presidents had all been T.C. students, for example, and this was typical of the participation of young teachers in Varsity affairs.

As V.U.C. was met with this wall of opposition we had to withdraw our motion, but we shall peg away till we get it through.

In the meantime we must show how fruitful collaboration between T.C. and Varsity can be, by making our relations even closer than they have been in the past.

### FURTHER POINTS

We have a representative on the College Council here. Is it not time that the N.Z.U.S.A. nominated a student representative on the University Senate? Conference thought so and is to move.

Reform of the Senate by the election of responsible Graduates approved by N.Z.U.S.A. is also to be investigated.

There was a long discussion on student health with very valuable suggestions from Otago. This is to be taken further.

Joynt Scroll is an annual debating contest between the six Colleges. It will be held this year at Massey.

A message was received from the S.C.M. To be quite frank, it was so woolly that delegates didn't know what to do about it even though they were all prepared to consider it sympathetically. It was decided to "receive" it. "Salient" prints it elsewhere in this issue.

Officers elected for the coming year are:—

President: Mr. J. B. C. Taylor (C.U.C.).

Hon. Secretary: Miss Janet Bogle.  
Hon. Treasurer: Mr. Myer Goldstone.

**Basketball**

Otago's success in the basketball section of the Tournament was well deserved, their standard of play throughout being consistently high. In the final game between Otago and Auckland, Otago scored rapidly to hold a five-point lead at half-time. After the interval, Auckland began to stage their usual come-back, but were just too late to overcome their opponents' lead, Otago winning by 17 goals to 14.

Auckland were runners-up, defeating both Victoria and Canterbury by substantial margins.

Victoria's only win was against Canterbury, whom they defeated by 14 goals to 6.

In their first game, against Otago, Victoria were very disappointing, lack of team-work showing up badly against Otago's finished attacks. Last minute alterations to the team accounted in part for the team's weakness, but the lack of correct bias passing made it easy for Otago to intercept from what should have been strong attacking movements.

Ruth Dowden was responsible for some very good interceptions, while Joyce Strange in the centre was effective both in attack and defence. In the forward third concerted passing movements failed through badly directed passes, allowing Otago's defence to intercept from the circle.

Against Auckland, Victoria played a much more decisive game, with Avis Reed in the centre and Norma Henderson in the forward third. Although this was the first time these players had played in these positions, they held their own, and with surer passing on the part of the rest of the team, Auckland was held to 12-8 at half-time. In the second spell, Auckland detailed Meg Everton, well-known Auckland rep., to cover Margaret Beattie, who was responsible for the majority of Victoria's goals, and from then on drew steadily ahead to win by 27 goals to 10.

The match against Canterbury also showed Victoria greatly improved from the Friday's game, smoother team-work enabling them to maintain a comfortable lead throughout the game. Margaret Beattie again scored the majority of goals for Victoria.

In the defence third Gay Torrie and Barbara Sharp made some excellent interceptions.

Victoria's team was: M. Beattie, M. Parsons, N. Henderson, A. Reed, J. Strange, M. Wicks (capt.), B. Williams, R. Dowden, B. Sharp, G. Torrie.

**Results:**

Otago, 20; Victoria, 6.  
Auckland, 19; Canterbury, 2.  
Victoria, 14; Canterbury, 6.  
Otago, 23; Canterbury, 6.  
Auckland, 27; Victoria, 10.  
Otago, 17; Auckland, 14.

**TOURNAMENT POINTS**

|            | Played | Won | For | Agst. | Pts. |
|------------|--------|-----|-----|-------|------|
| Otago      | 3      | 3   | 60  | 26    | 6    |
| Auckland   | 3      | 2   | 60  | 29    | 4    |
| Victoria   | 3      | 1   | 30  | 53    | 2    |
| Canterbury | 3      | 0   | 14  | 66    | 0    |

scratch combinations, especially Training College. This latter team was a mixture of good and bad, as was their play in different matches. In some games, notably against Otago, they played really good hockey, whereas in other games the backs and halves seemed uncertain as to whether they were playing rugby or pingpong, while the forwards dashed madly about like blind hens after a worm—a very elusive worm at that.

Finally, mention must be made of an unfortunate aspect of the tournament—the refereeing. We quite realise the difficulty of getting referees nowadays, especially as there is no longer any referees' association, but nevertheless we consider most emphatically that better arrangements should have and could have been made. Some games were held up for half an hour or more until some obliging but misguided bystander was pressed into service. Thanks are due to those who assisted in this respect and everyone was, quite rightly, very grateful to them. However, good refereeing is an art that takes considerable experience to develop and, with the best intentions in the world, some of those who officiated were appallingly bad, and bad refereeing, as any player knows, can be very disheartening to the players, with a consequent lowering of the standard of play.

**Results:**

|             | Played | Won | For | Agst. | Pts. |
|-------------|--------|-----|-----|-------|------|
| Auckland    | 5      | 4   | 35  | 9     | 8    |
| Canterbury  | 5      | 4   | 25  | 17    | 8    |
| Victoria A  | 5      | 3   | 20  | 12    | 6    |
| Otago       | 5      | 3   | 20  | 15    | 6    |
| Tr. College | 5      | 1   | 15  | 29    | 2    |
| Victoria B  | 5      | 0   | 5   | 38    | 0    |

**Women's Hockey**

Once again Victoria were the perfect hostesses, losing all three matches. We would like to congratulate the other Colleges on their play, and in particular Otago on winning the Pember Reeves Stick. The standard of play was on the whole surprisingly good.

In the games against Canterbury and Otago, Victoria put up a fair showing in the first half but went to pieces in the second. The halves, Beryl Taylor, Irene Kean and Joyce Climie, left too much to the full backs by not covering up on defence. The forwards wasted their opportunities and the final scores were 7-1 and 7-0. The whole team suffer from the inability to hit cleanly and accurately, and positional play is poor. Sheila Mason in goal played an outstanding game against Otago. The rest of the team gave her every opportunity to do so.

The team were much more energetic in Monday's game against Auckland, and after leading 2-0 at half-time went down 3-2 in a very even match.

The hard-worked full backs, Daisy Filmer and Pat Miles, stuck to their job and were always in the thick of it. For the first time in the tournament the forwards worked as a team. Pat Ralph, unfortunately suffering from a knee injury, was replaced by Doris Filmer. The two wings, Mary Seddon and Vivienne Rich, were very fast but tended to crowd the insides. Ruth Russell, changed to centre forward, played a fast game and combined well with the insides. Marion Marwick played a much improved game when she went back to her old position of left inside.



**TOURNAMENT**

This somewhat pretentious title refers to the contests between the four Colleges in men and women's hockey and basketball, which were held from May 14th to May 17th. Starting as a suggested inter-College hockey match to be arranged by the men's hockey club, like Topsy "it just grewed," until it assumed the grandiose proportions of a winter-sports tournament.

The visiting teams arrived on the morning of a bleak, cheerless Friday, to be pounced upon by a vociferous swarm of billetes who hauled them off in triumph to ply them with porridge and that antediluvian egg which had been hoarded so long for the purpose.

If Friday was cold and bleak, Saturday went it one better by being cold, bleak and wet, resulting in the cancellation of the basketball fixtures for the day, including the proposed game versus the Wellington representative team. However, the men hockey players, being made of sterner stuff, ventured forth to the Karori marshlands where they proceeded to hack around with wild abandon.

There is no doubt that all our visitors enjoyed the tournament, not only because of the games and social events, but also for the chance to see some of our far-famed marine wonders. There was, however, one small cloud almost obscured by silver lining—the organisation was poor. Victoria students may not be expert at hockey and basketball but, oh boy, you should see them at passing the buck. An exasperated "Salient" representative going from one person to another trying, with singular lack of success, to gather information, could not help wondering that anything at all was accomplished when seemingly nobody was responsible for anything. Admittedly the whole thing was done hurriedly and there were many grave difficulties, but nevertheless efficient organisation should prepare for and overcome these as they arise. Are students such individualists that they find it impossible to collaborate with their fellows?

The outstanding feature of the play in the games themselves was the surprisingly high standard attained throughout. The men's hockey was consistently good, at times brilliant, except on the Monday when fatigue began to affect the players. The basketball was excellent, particularly by Otago, the winners, who were never really extended. Only the women's hockey was at times below par. Play was a mixture of brilliance interspersed with scrappiness, of which the latter was the most common.

Socially, the Tournament was a real success for everybody mixed freely and enjoyed themselves to the utmost. The ball, of course, was the high-spot of the whole programme, and our visitors without exception declared to be one of the best shows they had ever attended. The heartier spirits gave many vigorous hakas, which were enjoyed by the quieter souls, who were interested to see that these could be performed efficiently without the aid of peashooters or the taking off of one's pants. —A. O'B.

**Men's Hockey**

The physical demand made on players, especially visitors, in this section of the tournament was very heavy. After travelling on the Thursday night they played two games on the Friday, one on Saturday, and two more on Monday. The N.Z.U. representatives also played on Saturday afternoon. This heavy programme in conjunction with the so-

cial had its inevitable effect on players by the Monday, and this was the cause of much scrappy play, especially in the afternoon.

After the first day it was apparent that either Auckland or Canterbury would win the tournament, and interest was high when they met on the Monday afternoon. Auckland won a close game by three goals to two and everyone regarded the tournament as being as good as over. However, the Vic. A team upset calculations by beating Auckland in the final game, thus enabling Canterbury to draw level by defeating Training College 7-5 in a game which at times closely resembled hockey. Auckland and Canterbury were thus bracketed equal winners, but on goal averages Auckland were decidedly superior.

The Auckland forwards were easily the best in the tournament, outstanding being Winiata Smiler, the captain, at inside left, Bland on the left wing, and Elliot at centre forward. Fast and individually clever, their combination was too much for their opponents. Canterbury's strength lay in their halves, two of whom, Eggleton and Bennett, played for the N.Z.U. team. Cyril Walters, the captain, at centre-half, played excellent hockey at all times, and it was a pity he was not eligible for the representative team, as he would undoubtedly have strengthened it considerably. The vital Auckland-Canterbury game produced the expected duel between the Auckland forwards and the Canterbury halves, with the honours going to the former, who paid Walters the compliment of marking him very closely.

The Victoria A team, though individually brilliant at times and perhaps better balanced than the other five teams, failed in co-ordinated play. A grave fault was the tendency of the halves to overhit, which greatly handicapped their forwards. The forwards were at times inclined to dribble too far and would be well advised to pass the ball sooner and with greater accuracy. It was a combination of these faults which cost them the game against Canterbury. Individually Ivor Ting at centre-forward was the star, occasionally playing brilliant hockey. However, he was at times one of the greatest offenders in dribbling the ball too far instead of co-operating with his fellow-forwards. Griff Jones on the left wing played polished hockey at all times, so much so that we consider that he was wasted on the wing where his opportunities were limited. Notwithstanding the fact that the wing is his accustomed position, we feel the team would have been strengthened by bringing him into inside-left.

Credit should be given to the Training College and Victoria B teams, who battled on against heavy opposition without losing their cheerfulness. Owing to difficulties caused by the vacation both teams were only

**BOOKS!**

**BOOK-REVIEWS**

**How about it?**

**1943 Book Drive**

A National Appeal for good books and magazines for the forces overseas and in New Zealand will be made by the National Patriotic Fund Board. Unless the New Zealand public will give quickly and generously some of the members of the Armed Forces must go without books or be put off with indifferent cast-offs.

Urging an American book drive, Wendell Willkie said: "The simplest and surest method of choice is to select a book with someone in mind whom you know. We all know men who are fighting or in training. A book you and your friends are reading and discussing he and his friends would also like to read and discuss. For those men are not regiments or squadrons or crews. They are human beings. They are our sons. Is it asking too much for us to see that they have books to read?"

We ask with confidence and urgently for your co-operation.

Students are asked to make a good response to this appeal. Books and magazines will be received at the Executive Room between 5 p.m. and 7 p.m., Monday to Friday, or may be handed to any member of the Executive.

**Tournament Ball**

I have it straight from the horse's mouth. My billettee says it was a good show. He ought to know—got chosen as an N.Z.U. rep. on Saturday.

A good if rather eccentric assortment of instruments kept the crowd moving very happily.

The hakas were thought a little too numerous, but one must consider the enormous and obvious enjoyment of the performers.

Our visitors were there in force; all nice people, and, it is hoped, enjoying themselves. Arch. Ives, captain of V.U.C. men's hockey, brought forth a pleasantly casual welcoming speech and hoped for a full-scale Tournament in years to come. We endorse this hope—may the war end soon!

The organisation was not perfect—twelve square feet will not house the assorted clothing of one hundred and fifty women, nor is the temper of an exhausted hockey player improved by a fruitless trip to the Gym. In fact, I felt so deeply over this last point that I approached a social committee member on the matter. He turned, savagely and in desperation snarled, "If you had worked from two until nine fighting a patriotic auction sale, all the taxi and transport services in town, and an earthquake wrecked lighting system which didn't function until 7.45, you wouldn't ask moronic questions."

I apologised. I apologise again: apparently things were a little tough!

The feelings of the Sabbath-observers were respected and the whistle blew at twelve with an enthusiastic Auld Lang Syne. A very happy reunion—may there be many more of them.

**MAYAKOVSKI**

A modern literary giant, Mayakovsky, has been translated, and a book of his verse has at last reached us. It is unfortunately apparent that the translator has considerable weaknesses, but all the same the poetry comes through.

It is the radiant energy of inspired genius which throws aside conventional expression and by sheer vitality carries his reader with him. Idealist and socialist, the poet regarded his art, not as a personal possession for his own use, but as a social weapon for his people. It is not uncommon to hear people speak of him as a man who prostituted his art. They are wrong! How wrong may be easily discovered by reading his verses. Writing on "unpoetic" subjects he is still inspired by his ideas, and his genius points the everyday object and moral with clarity. His death was a loss to literature, but the work he left behind is neither trivial nor outmoded. The translator has made only passable work—his poem "Lenin"—is the best in the selection we have. There the form seems knit with the subject in a whole which requires no change. It is a treat to discover a new literary colossus.

**LETTERS ON INDIA**

Of all books written about present-day India and its role in the fight against fascism, *Letters on India* (in spite of its 150 odd pages) must be placed in the top rank. Writing in reply to questions from an English worker, the author, Mulk Raj Anand, treats all the more important aspects of Indian political and social life—the Peasants, Trade Unions, the Congress Party, the War Effort, etc. Mulk Raj Anand is a socialist member of the Indian Congress Party and is well known for his other books, *Coolie*, *Untouchable*, etc.

Unlike many reviews on India, no "problem" of India is presented. This "complex problem" boils down, in the author's words, to precisely this: "We must see that the Atlantic Charter is applied to India and that steps are taken to bring the peoples of India under the leadership of the Indian National Congress (representing united anti-fascist India) into a world alliance against fascism."

Anand emphasises that only the free Eastern peoples—the Chinese and the Filipinos—have proved to be of any value in resisting Japanese aggression and that only free Indians will be capable of defending their country against the advancing invaders.

We are not given a mere criticism and condemnation of British rule but a clear analysis of the existing situation with a plan showing how the people of India can be rallied more vigorously behind the War Effort in alliance with the United Nations.

The book concludes with an appeal to the people of the United Nations: "See to it that everything is done to achieve this simple basic programme. Only thus can victory be assured!"

—P.J.

(Our copies of books reviewed in this issue per courtesy of Modern Books.)

**"BRITAIN IN THE WORLD FRONT"**

The publication of *Britain in the World Front* has further increased the not inconsiderable debt progressive mankind owes to the brilliant social analyst, R. Palme Dutt, for his earlier penetrating and inspiring studies, *Fascism and Social Revolution*, *World Politics* and *India Today*.

"The present," says Dutt in his preface to his newest work, "is no time for recriminations over the past or philosophising over the future," but it is, rather, a time for "unity in action of all who stand for victory over the fascist enemy. . ." The great value of the book lies in its recognition of this fundamental prerequisite for an unequivocal victory and a sustained peace; in its ruthless exposure of all forces hostile to these ends, and in the answers it provides to the manifold problems requiring solution in all sections of the war effort.

While Dutt, of course, addresses himself mainly to Englishmen, we in New Zealand can do no better than to learn well the lessons he teaches. The chapter headed "The Face of the Enemy" would, I think, have a particularly salutary effect on those confused people who have the temerity to complain that Victoria College owns students who are "very, very anti-Fascist conscious."

—T.H.B.

**CHALLENGE**

It is perhaps not surprising that Hewlitt Johnson has written another book about the Socialist Sixth. The first book by the Dean of Canterbury has sold over two and a half million copies in the English language alone. His new book, *Soviet Strength: Its Source and Challenge*, should enjoy similar popularity.

Taking up the challenge Soviet Russia presents to the existing order, the Dean deals with the material growth and position of our ally. In the second section, entitled "The New Life," he writes a factual account of the personal life of Soviet citizens and then goes on to deal with the moral questions involved from the Christian viewpoint, and finds himself in agreement with the government existing today.

"The Challenge," as he calls the third section of his book, is perhaps the question which is the closest to us. He considers "This England" (and it might equally well be "this New Zealand"), he questions the life we have lived in peace time. The tone of the book is shown by two quotations from the final page:

"Man's dearest possession is life, and since it is given to him to live but once, he must so live as to feel no torturing regrets for years without purpose—so live that, dying, he can say, 'All my life and all my strength were given to the finest cause in the world—the liberation of mankind.'"

That is the motto for those who would dedicate themselves to usher in the New England and the new world.

And here is another, more ancient, more brief, more comprehensive, but not dissimilar: "I am come that they might have life, and have it more abundantly."

**The Problem**

Dear Readers (note the optimistic plural), each year this College produces a magazine known, for some obscure reason, as "Spike." It should, and occasionally does, represent the best thought and writing in the University. In this, one of our most difficult periods, we must prove that the vigour and freshness of student activity is not impaired but strengthened by the place it takes in the Dominion's struggle for an all-out war effort. Now, as at no other time, there is an abundance of subjects demanding your attention—the technique of modern warfare, both armed and economic, the part the universities must play, the contribution of this university, problems of post-war living, the stand taken by various political parties—a host of questions which should be, and can be, answered by members of V.U.C.

**Your Contribution**

You can do this. Ponder the matter, arrange your opinions and findings in concise and logical form, write them, polish them, and send them in. Or again, employ the experiences of which you have heard, or which you have suffered, in short story or verse form. We all have the potentialities—let us project them into concrete form and allow those who despise our "Intellectual isolation" to be the judges. We shall not be found wanting!

**Write for SPIKE**

Contributions will be received, with thanks, in either "Salient" or the Executive Room.

**AND WHAT ABOUT V.U.C. FOR A CHANGE . . .**

**St. Andrews.**

The University Women's Training Unit is compulsory for every woman who is not studying medicine or completing an honours degree. Women put in six hours a week and attend classes in first aid, signalling, meteorology, P.T., business administration and musketry.

**Cambridge.**

Both of the women's colleges, Girton and Newnham, are doing peacetime factory work in college and it is hoped to arrange an output competition between them in the near future.

**Swansea.**

For some time past men and women at Swansea have been running a girls' and boys' club respectively. Now as a result of an appeal from the Swansea Education Department, the students are starting a mixed youth club.

**K.C.H.S.S.**

Following the example of Sheffield, King's and University College, Leicester, have started a factory at College. 10,000 gas masks are to be trimmed, and students will be paid at unskilled rates. Women students will work four hours a week, and lecturers will join in.

**Oxford.**

War work in the women's colleges is to include the production of one-act plays for performance to units of the forces in the area and to factory canteens.

## BLUES

### 'Nothing Doing,' says N.Z.U.S.A.

There will be no University blues during wartime. N.Z.U.S.A. has decided to abide by its decision to this effect made last year.

At the N.Z.U.S.A. meeting a motion that the decision be reconsidered was put by V.U.C. and seconded pro forma by Canterbury. Both hockey associations had urged that blues be awarded, and Morry Boyd, Victoria's president, read letters from our hockey, football and basketball clubs supporting the suggestion. It was argued that as the standard of play was well up to average it was unfair to the players not to award blues. However, the delegates were definitely not impressed by these contentions. Otago thought it was hardly fair to give blues to some sports and not to others, while Massey declared that while conditions were the same policy should be the same. (Unfortunately for this argument, some blues have been awarded since the war began.—A.O'B.) They further declared that if clubs were going to talk about unfairness what about the unfairness to those who did not get blues because they were overseas? Referring to the standard of play Mr. Ryder said that it was a very risky thing to say that the standard was up to the average, as blues were definitely competitive and the inclusion of players now in the armed forces must have the effect of raising the standard. Moreover, he thought it a very selfish thing for sports clubs to want blues during wartime.

Thus blues were relegated to the outer darkness for the duration with a hearty Bronx cheer for a send-off.

### N.Z.U. Men v Wellington

The team which represented N.Z. Universities was not the strongest which would have been fielded, as the selector was instructed to restrict his choice to those who would be eligible for "blues" should the N.Z. U.S.A. decide to award them. Nevertheless the team was a very strong one and was certainly much superior to the Wellington team which opposed it, although the final score 5-4 would not lead one to think so. In the first half, while still fresh, the team played brilliant fast open hockey to lead by three goals to one at half-time. The physical strain the University players had undergone for the previous two days had its effect in the second spell, when they began to lose their early dash. Wellington, playing a tighter, more rugged game, scored three goals to two in this half, but it was not sufficient and towards the end N.Z.U. were once more on top.

### N.Z.U. Women v Wellington

Eleven Wellington amazons soundly defeated N.Z.U. women by 5 goals to 1. They slammed the ball about the field with such powerful accuracy that the University women could do little to stop them. Under the circumstances the full-backs, Iris Orchard (C.), P. Barker (C.), and the goal-keeper, S. Glendinning (O.) were given every opportunity to show their worth and they stood up to their task manfully, especially the Otago girl. The forwards showed little combination, though occasionally revealing flashes of individual

brilliance. The forwards were too indecisive in the circle, while their attacking movements almost invariably broke down as a result of wild mis-hits which were supposed to be passes. N. Orchard scored the only goal for N.Z.U.

### Hockey Council Meetings

During the Tournament, meetings were held of the New Zealand Women's Hockey Council and the New Zealand Hockey Association. The meetings were brief and informal, there being little to discuss apart from the question of "blues."

#### Women

Iris Orchard and Marie Walter, both of Canterbury, were re-elected President and Secretary respectively of the N.Z.W.H.C.

Delegates were unanimously in favour of awarding hockey blues in wartime and a recommendation to that effect was to be made to the N.Z.U.S.A.

#### Men

Ken Hiddle of Victoria was elected in place of Arch. Ives (Vic.) to the position of treasurer and adviser on hockey matters to the N.Z.U.S.A.

Like the women, delegates were unanimously in favour of awarding blues, it being held that not to award them was unfair to the players, especially as the play was undoubtedly of a high standard.

Otago stated that as their executive did not approve of tournaments during wartime they were not allowed any travelling expenses. This attitude was deplored, it being pointed out that wartime or not the Governor-General apparently approved of such gatherings, as he had consented to be present.

It was decided that if possible future tournaments be held either in Christchurch or Wellington to avoid unnecessary travelling.

When two of the clubs complained that the grants made to them by their executives were inadequate, it was decided to pool information from all the centres so as to compare their relative positions before any action was taken.

## Christianity, Art and Society

A series of addresses on problems of today, Art and Religion and Man's Opportunity, will be given by Mr. Howard Wadman on three successive Wednesdays commencing Wednesday, 26th May.

WATCH THE NOTICE BOARDS!

Wednesday, 26th May:

"THE THUNDER AND THE ROCK."

An attempt to face the melancholy facts about man and yet take some comfort for his future.

Wednesday, 2nd June:

"THE HABITUAL VISION OF GREATNESS."

In which we thank humanism for taking us as far as it does, but wish to go further.

Wednesday, 9th June:

"THE CREATIVE TASK."

After the storm, the still small voice that wants to know what we are going to do about it.

## S.C.M. Message to N.Z.U.S.A.

Believing that a lasting peace can come only from adequate preparation now of the mind and spirit of our people, the reconstruction of our social life, and the clarification of our peace aims, we, the N.Z. Student Christian Movement, met in Conference in Christchurch in January, 1943, request the N.Z. University Students' Association to take action which may increase the students' responsibility in these matters.

We suggest that this might be fostered by the issue of an appeal along the following lines:—

- (1) Freedom of thought and speech and writing has been one of the achievements of our civilisation and the condition of progress in the past. We would remind ourselves that freedom belongs only to those who exercise it.
- (2) We urge that students should develop independence of judgment, which will give them the capacity to evaluate propaganda of all kinds.
- (3) We urge loyalty to our vocation as students—for our proper service to the community lies in clear thinking and loyalty to truth.
- (4) We believe that the causes of the present war lie in a complex historical development for which our own nation has a share of responsibility. It is therefore necessary that we should keep our minds

free from bitterness and complacency, and foster that generosity and co-operation which must reinforce political and economic action.

- (5) We should foster goodwill towards, and understanding of, those from other countries who have come to live in this land.
- (6) We draw the attention of students to the international significance of the rise of the world Church in our day.

For this appeal to achieve its purpose, it must be followed by action. We suggest that it take the following form:—

- (a) That the N.Z.U.S.A. encourage students and student societies to concern themselves with the subjects referred to in this appeal and with a factual examination of current affairs.
- (b) That student papers take part in fostering interest in the subjects mentioned.
- (c) That the co-operation of the teaching staffs be sought for the promotion of the ends in view.
- (d) That study material for use during the year be prepared, and we, the N.Z.S.C.M., offer our co-operation in this matter if it is desired.
- (e) That this message and the suggested lines of action be forwarded to the Training Colleges.

## The Afternoon After

Hang-overs from Tournament Ball were in evidence at Worsler Bay on the 8th of May, when heavy-eyed harriers lined up for the start of the Novice Race. They were even more noticeable when the same harriers dragged their protesting bodies back to the finishing post. The race was won by Doug. Olsen with a margin of about 300 yards in very good time. (No. Doug. didn't go to the ball.) Second place was filled by an experienced novice, Peter de la Mare, while the third man home was Twoomey. There is an unofficial report circulating that our club captain has made a vow never to stay up after 9 p.m. before a race again, and to abstain from drinking dry ginger ale.

The previous week the club took part in this season's official opening ceremony of the Wellington Centre held at Lyall Bay. Quite a sprinkling of green singlets showed up during the combined run, and judging by appearances Varsity should hold its own in inter-club events this year.

Our last run was held in Johnsonville and for it we combined with the Brooklyn Club. In keeping with the best harrier traditions the slow pack were successful in losing the trail and returned home by a very short cut, to their great satisfaction.

## Learn something about the U.S.S.R.

at a series of four discussions, starting Sunday night, 7.30, June 7th.

Students interested should contact J. W. Winchester, A. V. O'Brien, or Cecil Crompton.

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