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to  
CLIFF JONES  
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## ISS Continues Drive Towards £600 Goal

Throughout the world thousands of students have been cut off from the books and instruments essential to their study. Some have seen their ancient universities go up in flames, while the exhaustion of bombing and underground warfare will certainly deplete student numbers. These are men and women on whom the future leadership of their country depends.

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To help these students is the object of the International Student's Service, to keep them studying despite the hazards of war. Here is an extract from a letter of a former prisoner of war at Stalag 8B in Silesia, who saw for himself what World Student Relief means to the men behind barbed wire: "A school was organised by a brilliant English schoolmaster captured at Dunkirk. You could study almost anything from diesel engineering to shorthand. The courses, textbooks and writing material was supplied by Student Relief. Canadians who had been handcuffed in reprisal for Dieppe used to attend after climbing the fence round their compound. There were bearded Sikhs studying English, Jews from the Palestine Labour Corps studying history, Australians studying agriculture. The men were hungry and many of them ill, but they passed examinations

and took degrees at London University."

New Zealand students have helped materially in the past. In 1943 they raised £600. Of this, Wellington raised £111, but in 1944 only £67 was raised. Our goal this year is £600, and arresting displays in the hall are already bringing in encouraging results. Over 200 students gave their names and were allotted jobs ranging from carting coal to minding baby.

To satisfy the public, there are still fifty jobs to fill, and these will require fifty more men and thirty women. So please hand in your name and the times you will be available to the table in the main hall.

The public responded generously, and ISS would also like to express their appreciation of the Government Film Studios, who made a film of the work day.

The secretary wishes to thank the two hundred students who contributed to the success of the work day. 130 students worked under the scheme, and thirty had jobs of their own, while many part-timers who, being unable to work on the Saturday, gave donations instead. Thank you all!

### JOAN RAINE — An Acknowledgement

Extrav first night is Saturday, April 21. This is well known; in fact, for members of the cast the knowledge is painful. It is not universally recognised, however, that were it not for the kindness and co-operation of Miss Joan Raine, producer of the musical comedy, "Sally," and her cast, Extrav might well have been cancelled, or at best postponed until the vacation. Miss Raine moved her Opera House bookings forward to April 27 to May 10 for the sole purpose of enabling Extrav to run from April 21 to 26. We wish to acknowledge the co-operation of Miss Raine and her cast and sincerely hope that VUC will show its appreciation by boosting for "Sally" with all possible enthusiasm.

### Varsity and TC Assist Search For Jean Martin

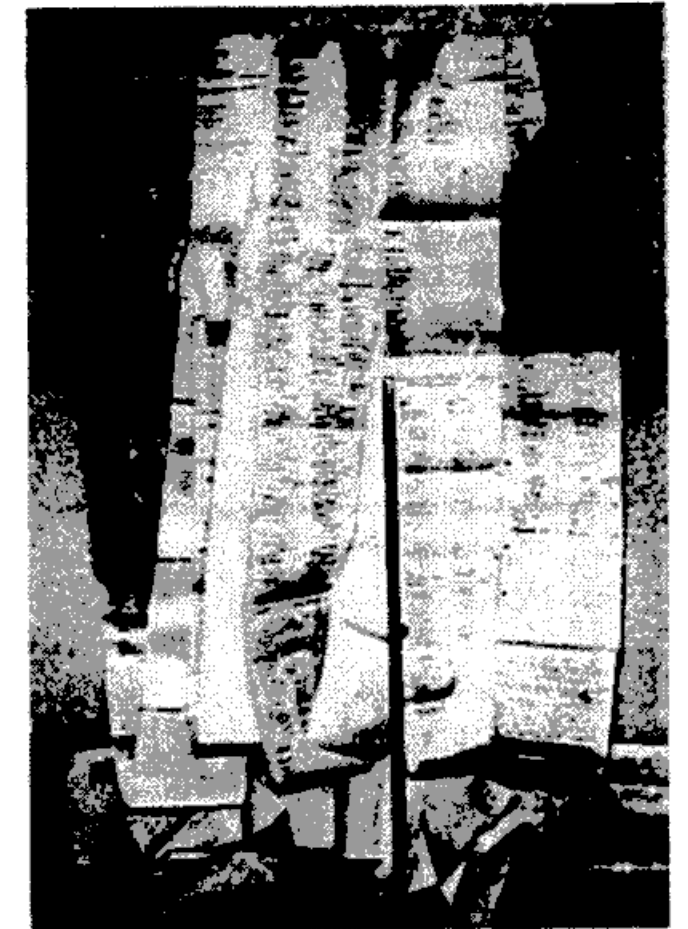
Well known both as a Varsity and ex-TC student, Miss Jean Martin has been missing in the Makara hills since Sunday, April 8. By Wednesday, in answer to a police request, Training College students were organised into a search party. They were joined on Friday by members of the VUC Tramping Club and others, who continued the search every day up to the time of issue.

It was a somewhat bizarre and hastily arranged combination of searchers that left TC on a very wet Wednesday. All were transported to the centre of operations by bus. Smaller groups were organised on the spot and the heavy bush slopes of the Crow's Nest were combed in a heavy driving rain. Eventually a halt was

called and the drenched party returned to the College where they were revived with hot soup. The following day a similar party was arranged. This time the Wilton bush area was searched... an unenviable job under the best conditions. In the afternoon some of the searchers broke off towards Kaukau and Khandallah, the rest crossing over to Makara.

Due to a mistake the VUC Tramping Club were not notified till Thursday. Arrangements were immediately made to have certain students excused duties, thus releasing over 130 men. However, the police decided that such a number would be unwieldy and Friday saw a modest but experienced 27 trampers helping on the Makara hills. Training College worked to Ohariu Bay, and Varsity to Makara. While tales of adventure were being exchanged that night several surprised people read the notice board: "... all interested in forming a search party... to contact R. Daniells immediately."

Saturday saw 34 of Victoria with T.C. students on the hills behind Ngaio. The party was reinforced that afternoon by 20 members of the Harrier Club. The search was continued on Sunday, but up to date of printing nothing significant had been found.



2,671 signatures! A photo of the petition for reduction of Exam Fees presented to the Senate in January. The legal case will be held at 10.30 a.m. on April 19.

## EXTRAV CAST QUESTIONS ALLOCATION OF PROFITS

Dissatisfied with the recent decision of the Executive to disregard the Hon. Vincent Ward's request that the proceeds of Extrav, 1945 should be handed to the patriotic fund, 61 members of the cast signed a petition asking the Exec. to reconsider their action. The prevailing attitude is that if the College has a clean record in such matters the students may justly expect full support from the Government and the public for the Stud. Ass. building.

The petition was dealt with by a special exec. meeting on Thursday last. Members spoke hotly, to the point, and were definitely annoyed that action should be left so late. Together with the petition was a request for a special general meeting; this will be held in the Gym on Thursday, March 19, at 8 p.m.

First to speak was tall, adamant Marcus Poole. The petition should be disregarded and decisions should be formulated by the reply to Mr. Ward's letter of March 6. He described the action of the cast as an effort to embarrass the exec.

Cecil Fowler in support of the petition denied this allegation, giving the argument of the cast. It had not been generally known that the funds were not for the Patriotic.

Joan Sim, somewhat timid at her first meeting, remained non-committal. Gib Bogle, alias Scrimatra, spoke strongly against. A general meeting should decide. With the same view,

R. Daniell said that in his opinion the Patriotic do not now need the money. Stan Campbell smelt a rat. Students must show returning Kiwis that they are really trying for a building.

Margaret Beattie agreed with Gib. Jack Barr questioned the quantity of information given the signatories. It was a pity that the petition was so late.

Representing the cast Dave Cohen referred to these remarks as irrelevant. The students want the building by 1947 and to get the necessary public support we must see that the funds from Extrav go to the right quarters. Replying, Jack Barr mentioned a proposal to have a procession in aid of Patriotic at the end of the year. Mr. Cohen said that the war would be over by this time.

A motion was then put that the original decision of Exec be adhered to. This was passed with only one dissentient voice. It was decided to let the students express their opinions directly at the special meeting.

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## EXTRAV PETITION

It has been decided by the Executive that the proceeds of Extrav., 1945, should be devoted to the Building Fund, and partly to the ISS. While in intention this decision is admirable, and designed to speed our new building, many people have questioned its tactical soundness. A petition, that all profits be added to the Patriotic Fund, carrying the signatures of sixty-one members of the cast, together with a request for a General Meeting should the Exec. be unable to agree, was recently forwarded to the secretary.

The publicity advantages of a show for patriotic funds are immediate. Equipment is loaned, contributions are made, voluntary services are cheerfully performed. Under the present arrangement, however, we have already been denied the use of Liberty Corner.

In the post-war effort to raise finance our main asset, of incalculable worth, will be public approval and assistance, together with a right to ask the Government for greater assistance than the one-to-one subsidy already granted. **This can only be won by working now for Patriotic Funds.**

If, and only if, we devote our war-time efforts to a more effective prosecution of the war, and for a short time subordinate our private gain to the comfort of the men fighting it, will our post-war claim be heard and respected. Then we must press for a two-to-one subsidy; today we must remember that while Extrav., 1945, can bring to the Building Fund £500, or one per cent of the total required, it can also cost us £10,000 in goodwill.

## OVERCROWDING

The staff of the College have evidently decided that overcrowding has reached the limit, and inter-faculty meetings are now being held to discuss the matter. Prof. Florance, approached after the recent Science Fac. discussion, was particularly reticent; since nothing could be finalised before the meeting of the Professorial Board in the middle of the month, he thought this hardly the time to publicise views which might later be rejected. We sense, however, that something forceful is under consideration, even perhaps limitation of classes. While we fully realise, and indeed have publicised, the great difficulties under which staff and students work, we must protest emphatically against this suggestion.

VUC is faced with the greatest boom in its history. The facilities offered by Rehabilitation, the release of potential students from essential industry, have had a profound effect on the number of freshers. However great the difficulties the College's responsibility to intending students must be discharged. We strongly urge the Council to fight for temporary buildings, army huts, or the use of halls in the city to overcome this crisis. In such an attempt we are sure they would obtain willing co-operation from the students.

## CONTRIBUTIONS

*If I should take dark rings of hair,  
Soft wind them round your forehead,  
Would a dark vein stand  
And throb to my tender touching?  
Eyes of pain have beheld you,  
Cornered in dark, walled height;  
Now, you gaze back dumbly,  
Pained in a dark vein's frenzy;  
Lips parted through the half-light,  
Pale hair down, glistening.  
And it is I who lean back  
With half-smile and quiet acceptance,  
Receiving your timidity, knowing  
Its growth to present dart-kisses.*

—“DAVENPORT”

*Once my desire, like a river,  
Raced and fell among the jagged  
heights of joy,  
Now sparkled with the sun, now in the  
seeming dark  
Of the shadow of the overhanging tree,  
Rushing, racing, always, madly. . .*

*But now no longer hurrying—  
Flowing slowly, softly in this sadness  
Reflecting the grey, unchanging sky  
It winds across the flat and greenless  
plains  
Of hopelessness, directionless  
With no end but a sea of nothingness.*

—“MEZZ”



## "WILSON"

WILSON, one of the most expensive and lavish films ever made, was screened as a preview to tournament visitors through the courtesy of 20th Century Fox and Amalgamated Theatres. It is in many ways a first class film, with a considerable amount of able direction and acting. There will no doubt be many quarrels with the view of history set forth, and a number of overseas writers had suggested that a fine bit of whitewashing of the character of the American statesman has been done. With these I do not intend to take issue, but will comment on the film *per se*.

There is an obvious difficulty in presenting characters on the screen who are currently alive or who are still within living memory. MISSION TO MOSCOW was the first big-time film to present latter day world figures in this way, and was only partially successful. Do the producers seek someone who, with judicious make-up, will appear a reasonable facsimile and proceed to train the hell out of him, or do they select an actor who happens to be around and hope for the best? The producers of WILSON seem to have been exceptionally fortunate with Alexander Knox, who is not only uncannily like the late great statesman, but also happens to be a very fine actor. His characterisation was superb; his diction was the purest I have ever heard on the screen, a model for all actors; he appeared to be fully identified with his part. Perhaps naturally, Knox's acting dominated the film. Sir Cedric Hardwicke, however, as the intransigent Colonel House, impressed me even

pressive scenes yet made, and it should be a collector's item for those interested in Americana. In itself, there could not possibly be enough in the fight for a nomination for a scene of such epic proportions, but so skilfully handled was it that I think not a foot could have been cut without spoiling the continuity of the film.

Also evidently to help the film along were some inset newsreels of doings in the last war. These, I think, were a grave mistake. They served no useful purpose except to drag in some comic relief, which was quite out of place here, and they also unfortunately showed some of the originals of the characters portrayed in the film itself.

Of all the scenes in the film, though, the very best is the closing one. This really must be one of the most impressive sequences yet screened, and a classic note is struck in this particular part. With Wilson a crippled man, his term as president expiring at noon, members of the Assembly come to receive his last message. He looks round the circle of implacable foes and staunch friends, and then walks across a room, out the White House. It's that simple, but it is superbly done.

The general standard of acting is very high, although nearly all the parts are handled with kid gloves. The main fault of the film lies in the script department and in certain of the direction. The chief executives evidently came to the conclusion that they were dealing with a classic, and had better handle him carefully. Consequently the general impression is that Wilson is to be regarded as something rather like Horohito, and I swear that eyes were averted by some of the characters

## "WILSON" REVIEWED

more. This is one of the very best pieces of screen work I have yet seen, and, if Academy awards mean anything any more, Hardwicke should be given a platinum one.

WILSON is the story in brief of the wartime president of the United States who, certain quarters allege, has been so misunderstood by posterity. From his very comfortable post as President of Harvard, Wilson wends his somewhat longwinded way from Governor to President, through the war, and to his illness and death, not once on the way compromising with the forces of evil, personified in political bosses and reactionary statesmen. As I say, I cannot comment on the political aspects of the film, although it seems to me that occasionally Wilson could have been shown making a mistake, just for variety's sake. He seems to be the first politician who has never sacrificed principle to expediency at some stage, and, to tell you the truth, he is inclined to become a trifle tedious in his shining white armour. I think we are still a little too near the last war for the murkier patches to be revealed, and the full story may appear a trifle different to our grandchildren.

WILSON is an extremely slow-moving film. In spite of the drastic times in which he lived, the man never seemed to descend to the levels of ordinary humans, and this may add to the majestic slow tempo. It also seems to be the explanation of why the producers inserted an extremely long but superb sequence of Wilson's nomination at the Democratic convention. I suppose this is one of the most prodigious, lavish, detailed, colourful im-

when they were in the presence.

This also accounts for those embarrassing moments when people entered the President's study with bad news or a cup of tea or the papers, and, backing to the door, flung it open, giving a long, penetrating, thoughtful look, full of significance, at his back. There is far too much of this penetrating stare business, in fact. Even in the family circle looks kept being given and received, the general idea seemingly being that the great man was about to give out something apocalyptic. One felt the Boswell snooping about behind the curtains.

The prevailing "hands off" policy reached the script department, too, and resulted in Wilson, in his—so to speak—off-stage appearances, being presented with the most frightful dialogue. Surely the man didn't orate *all* the time! It's perfectly proper for him to do so in Congress or on the platform, but not, please, in the bosom of his family. In a word, the script is the weakest part of the film. A much better job could have been made of it.

My final criticism is that the film is far too long. It was screened to a university audience who would perhaps take a slightly more intelligent view than that of an everyday theatre-going crowd, but even so there was a good deal of foot-shuffling and yawning. Incidentally, some of the academic allusions were received in a rather novel fashion by the students. There was one gorgeous scene in which Wilson, having been elected President for the first time, hears singing outside his window. His wife states: "The

## WORLD FIGURE DIES

*The peoples of the United Nations mourn the loss of a world leader. But Franklin D. Roosevelt's ideals live on, we fight for them today. No more fitting statement of those ideals could be found than in the President's last inaugural address, the simple and moving words of which will ever stand before the eyes of posterity.*

Mr. Chief Justice, Mr. Vice-President, My Friends:

You will understand and, I believe, agree with my wish that the form of this inauguration be simple and its words brief.

We Americans, of today, together with our Allies, are passing through a period of supreme test. It is a test of our courage—of our resolve—of our wisdom—of our essential democracy.

If we meet that test—successfully and honorably—we shall perform a service of historic importance, of historic importance which men and women and children will honour throughout all time.

As I stand here today, having taken the solemn oath of office in the presence of my fellow countrymen—in the presence of our God—I know that it is America's purpose that we shall not fail.

In the days and the years that are to come we shall work for a just and honourable peace, a durable peace, as today we work and fight for a total victory in war.

We can and we will achieve such a peace.

We shall strive for perfection. We shall not achieve it immediately—but we shall still strive. We may make mistakes—but they must never be mistakes which result from faintness of heart or abandonment of moral principles.

I remember that my old schoolmaster, Dr. Peabody, said in days that seemed to us then to be secure and untroubled:

"Things in life will not always run smoothly. Sometimes we will be rising towards the heights—then all will seem to reverse itself and start downward. The great fact to remember is that the trend of civilisation itself is forever upward; that a line drawn through the middle of the peaks and the valleys of the centuries always has an upward trend."

Our Constitution of 1787 was not a perfect instrument; it is not perfect yet. But it provided a firm basis upon which all manner of men, of all races and colours and creeds, could build our solid structure of democracy.

And so today in this year of war, 1945, we have learned lessons—at a fearful cost—and we shall profit by them.

We have learned that we cannot live alone, at peace; that our own well-being is dependent upon the well-being of other nations, far away. We have learned that we must live as men, and not as ostriches, nor as dogs in the manger.

We have learned to be citizens of the world, members of the human community.

We have learned the simple truth, as Emerson said, that "the only way to have a friend is to be one."

We can gain no lasting peace if we approach it with suspicion and mistrust—or with fear. We can gain it only if we proceed with the understanding and the confidence and the courage which flow from conviction.

The Almighty God has blessed our land in many ways. He has given our people stout hearts and strong arms with which to strike mighty blows for our freedom and truth. He has given to our country a faith which has become the hope of all peoples in an anguished world.

So we pray to Him now for the vision to see our way clearly—to see the way that leads to a better life for ourselves and for all our fellow men—to the achievement of His will to peace on earth.

students have come to serenade you." There was a shocked pause in the theatre, then shrieks of incredulous laughter.

I think it safe to say that the fine points of this film far outweigh its defects. It is an important film, one that should not be missed. In many parts it shows what the screen can

really do if it tries hard. Wilson is not an easy picture; it is, I suppose, what may be called an "intellectual" one, which no doubt means that it will not run long in Wellington. As to the lesson it teaches for today, well, you can take your pick, from collective security to fascism. But see it. It's important.



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## NZUSA ANNUAL CONFERENCE HANDLES FULL AGENDA

Concurrent with the staging of the tournament NZUSA held its annual conference. Much of the agenda discussed is of interest to students. The Exam Fee case was of highest priority, especially as Court case is near. Admission to Otago Medical School, Winter Tournament, and the proposed University Press were all matters of immediate importance and were discussed at length although decision in some cases was somewhat indefinite.

The explanation for the deferment of the Lagan v. Senate Exam. Fee case lies in the fact that the Court has been busy with a large libel case. Our cause has not been forgotten, however, and the case is to be heard on April 19.

The point at issue is a breach of the Stabilisation Regulations. Unfortunately this will make any decision either way somewhat indeterminate, because, if we win, the Senate can still apply to the Stabilisation Committee for an increase over the old 10/6 per paper; if we lose there is a vague possibility that there may be a reduction on the present 17/-, as the University finances are said to be in a slightly better condition this year. In any case the NZUSA will make further representations and state their case again.

It is hoped that the Senate sub-committee and the NZUSA may try to arrange a joint deputation to the Minister for an increased grant, which last year was reduced from £4,000 to £3,700.

It was agreed that the NZUSA should draw up a tentative scale of fees on the set-price-per-paper basis.

Although OU and MAC gain under the new system of fees they are still backing up the rest of the NZU students in their attempt to settle the question.

It must be understood that whichever way the case goes the affair is not closed and NZUSA will exert itself to the utmost to have the fees reduced.

### Winter Tournament

Otago University has offered to provide facilities for a Winter Tournament this year. In the past no combined Winter Tournament has been held. (The hockey tournament was always an individual club effort.) It was decided to draw up a constitution similar to that of the Easter Tournament. Tentatively it was suggested that the following sports be included: Men's and Women's Hockey, Men's Basketball, Fencing, Harriers, Skiing, Golf, Table Tennis, and a game between a representative NZU Rugby team and Otago Provincial team.

At this point Massey College brought up the question of independent Tournament status for that College. General opinion was against the idea as it would place great strain on the billeting facilities, involve the necessity of playing first year students, and because Massey could not field a complete set of first grade teams each year. At present Massey combines with VUC and it was suggested that better results may be obtained if there was closer co-operation in the matter of choosing Massey delegates to our teams.

### Joynt Scroll

This contest this year will be held at Otago University concurrent with the Tournament, perhaps in August.

### Students and Manpower

This year the manpower authorities worked in close co-operation with the various Student Associations. This resulted in a much more sympathetic treatment of students. Accordingly it was agreed to express appreciation of this to the Director of National Service.

### Admission to Med. School

As admission to Med. School is on a competitive basis the opinion was expressed that British subjects should be given preference over aliens. While on the subject someone stated that he thought that the Med. Intermediate papers should be standardised for the whole NZU, otherwise marks on a competitive basis had little real meaning with the four colleges sitting different papers.

## OFFICERS:

The following officers were elected:—

President: J. B. C. Taylor.

Treasurer: D. F. Lagan.

Records Officer:

Miss Eila Simpson.

The position of Secretary has not yet been filled.

### Rehab. Stud. Ass. Fees

Owing to some trouble about payment of Stud. Ass. fees by rehabilitated students, the NZUSA has decided to ask for a statement of policy from the Rehab. Minister. It was agreed to ask him also if he could arrange for the payment of Stud. Ass. fees as well as lecture fees and book costs.

### University Press

It is anticipated that the Press will come into operation after the 1946 Senate meeting has approved the arrangements. There is a committee of seven on the job. The plan will probably be to lease a press for the use of the University.

### Rostrum and the Press Bureau

"Rostrum" is to be compiled and printed by VUC this year. As usual, material is in short supply. Peter Munz has been made Editor. It is hoped that the publication will appear at a not too distant date.

The Press Bureau, which used to compile "Rostrum," has been officially disaffiliated as the organisation is now defunct.

### Eligibility for Tournament

Victoria's lead was followed when NZUSA resolved that no student be permitted to represent his College, who has not played for his College club teams. Exceptional cases will be decided by the Student Associations.

### Co-operation with Australian Students

A letter has been received from the National Union of Australian Students requesting closer co-operation between NUAUS and NZUSA. They informed us of a very excellent Commonwealth Government scheme for the helping of students who cannot afford to attend University but whose scholastic ability merits a chance at higher education. Students are chosen according to ability and the financial conditions of their parents. The questions of exchange students and of Australian delegates to NZUSA Tournament were also discussed. (See *Salient* No. 2.)

### Blues Regulations

The 1941 Tournament Committee's recommendations that Blues be awarded on a merit system, without automatic award to winners of events, have been adopted by all the Sports Councils and are to be put into effect.

The conference closed with the usual felicitations and votes of thanks.

## Exec Meeting

A decision to surprise the British Home Secretary with a cable regarding V Day celebrations in Wellington was made at the Exec meeting held on Monday night. Stan Campbell pointed out that the only arrangements made by the civic authorities up to date covered the closing of hotels and the holding of extensive church services in addition to a band recital at the Basin Reserve. He felt that these proposals, while perhaps desirable, were not entirely adequate.

The following cable was concocted after some discussion:—"Local Government hesitant V-Day celebrations. Victoria University New Zealand desire organise procession. Do you concur?" Jack Barr's suggestion that the cable be sent to Churchill was vetoed by Dick Daniell on the grounds that the PM was busy at the moment.

"It's that word compulsion I object to. I'm sorry, but it hurts," said Stan Campbell, the sole dissenter to a resolution that the Exec was unanimously of the opinion that a plan for a medical examination of students should be introduced at VUC. A ballot taken in 1943 showed that an overwhelming majority of the students agreed to such a scheme and a practical trial in 1944 demonstrated that there were no insurmountable difficulties in administration. This Exec feels that it would be of real value as a plan for preventative medicine it was essential that the medical examination be compulsory and it was hoped that the College Council would be prepared to amend the College regulations accordingly.

The mover of the resolution, Ian McDowall, pointed out that any student would have the right of appeal as with any compulsory regulation. To Joan Sim, who thought that the objection against encroachment of personal liberty was quite serious, Dick Daniell said that as people could be compelled to protect their country from guns, it was just as justifiable to compel protection from infection.

The date of the Undergrad Supper was fixed by the Exec for Wednesday, May 2. Owing to space restrictions, it was decided that as usual no freshers could be permitted to attend and that the admission price for others would be 2/-.

## Otago Alcoholics Win the Day at Drinking Horn

On Tuesday, May 3, that climax of Tournament, the Drinking Horn, was run off at Barrett's Hotel. Confounding backers, Victoria's ensemble of the leary, the beery and the bleary was dismally defeated by a hard-bitten crew of rubber-stomached medd. Highlight was the superb sprint which captured the NZU blue for Ratu Mara of OU.

Originally scheduled for 2-30 p.m. in the basement bar of the Grand, the contest was finally transferred to Barrett's, better equipped to accommodate teams and spectators. The inner precincts of the bar were invaded by delegates and the surprised custodians pressed into service as umpires. Knots of bohemianised students milled about a series of heats, scratch teams practised and trade flourished mightily. At 3-30 the final began. Six drinkers each of VUC and OU stood to the bar, hands on the counter, glasses full. A deathlike hush; the word! In a variety of styles, sucked, poured, gulped or thrown, the ale was lowered into twelve distended stomachs. A mighty roar of mingled triumph and rage was loosened into the echoing vault of Lambton Quay. Shoppers in Whitcombe's leapt with apprehension and hurried nervously home. OU had won!

A few moments pause; glasses were filled for the blues contest. Later awarded a VUC blue for their efforts, Hartley and Waschsner gave of their best, the sots, but the whole motley crew was outclassed by the gargantuan gulps of Otago's alcoholic acolyte, Ratu Mara, who lowered his twelve ounces in the legendary time of two and one fifth seconds. Mr. Mara, a man of temperate habits, prefers Speights, but forces lesser and paler ales past his unwilling lips when circumstances demand. He blames the degeneracy of modern youth on unnatural affections for synthetic gins and advocates a heartier pursuit of the plebian beer. His athletic prowess lends weight to these arguments.

### RE BLUES

A resolution was passed by the Exec. on Monday night that a recommendation should be made to NZUSA that the Blues regulations should be amended to allow awards for winter sports to first year students.

The Exec wishes to make it known that it is an offence against College regulations for anyone who has not won a College Blue to wear a Blues blazer. This regulation was infringed several times at the Tournament, the offending students apparently not realising that they were liable to a fine.

### OBITUARY—Leonard Higgs

We regret to hear of the untimely death of Leonard "Sam" Higgs in a yachting accident. Sam, who was at Rongatai College from 1937 to 1943 and a prefect in his last year there, was a good all-round sportsman. A keen hockey player, he was captain of the Rongatai XI and later played for the VUC 1st XI. He was interested in yachting, and took his part in athletics chiefly at sprinting and hurdling. In 1944 he started a Science course at VUC. Sam was a keen musician, playing the violin in last year's Extrav. and was a leader of the college orchestra. He had many friends and his death is a great loss to the college.

## Exec. Backs Meek's Nomination For Council

The retirement of the Hon. Mr. Justice Smith leaves a vacancy on the VUC Council. Among the nominees is Ronald L. Meek, nominated by Mr. F. L. Coombs, and given the full support of the Exec.

The Court of Convocation, which is composed of all past graduates of the College, will elect one man to the onerous responsibility of membership on the Council. Ron Meek would be a good choice. He was at VUC from 1935-39 inclusive, graduating LL.M., B.A. He has written numerous extravas including this year's show, "Peter in Blunderland," is the author of a pamphlet, "Maori Problems Today," and, in conjunction with F. Ost, is working on a translation of Czech verse, to be published shortly. While at VUC Ron gained three college swimming blues and took an exceedingly active part in college activities. The students know Ron and knowing him support his nomination.

This is a by-election, but nominations are called for the triennial elections, and it is strongly urged that a further student candidate be nominated.

## New Med. School For Otago

Recently described as the second largest public building in Dunedin, Otago's new five-storey £250,000 Medical School is now reported well under way. Of reinforced concrete and brick veneer, the structure has already reached the second storey, four firms and some thirty sub-contractors being employed.

The design is plain yet imposing—horizontal motives in the wings being balanced by a strong vertical feature of six stories in the frontage. In finish and equipment for its purely functional purpose the building will be quite up to the standard of the most recent medical schools erected in Great Britain. Three plans were drawn by architects in Dunedin in close collaboration with a number of technical experts on Medical School requirements.

In external appearance the school will be quite modern. Steel-framed windows will be used throughout, and a feature of the design is the large area of glass, permitting the best possible lighting of the interior. Heating and ventilation will be provided by circulating warm air.

When tests were made for the foundations, no solid foundation was found within 50 feet of the surface, and the foundations were constructed on the "Cellular Raft" principle. No basement rooms are provided, the foundations actually having a maximum depth of five feet.

The first floor will be occupied by the tutorial block which will include a large museum. The remainder of the building will house offices and research laboratories where much valuable work has been done in the past.

### WEIR HOUSE ELECTIONS

Recently the elections for the Committee of the Weir House Association were held. The following were elected:

President: G. S. BOGLE, B.Sc.

Vice-President: G. S. ORR.

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Committee: A. C. MOORE, H. I. M. PEIRSE.

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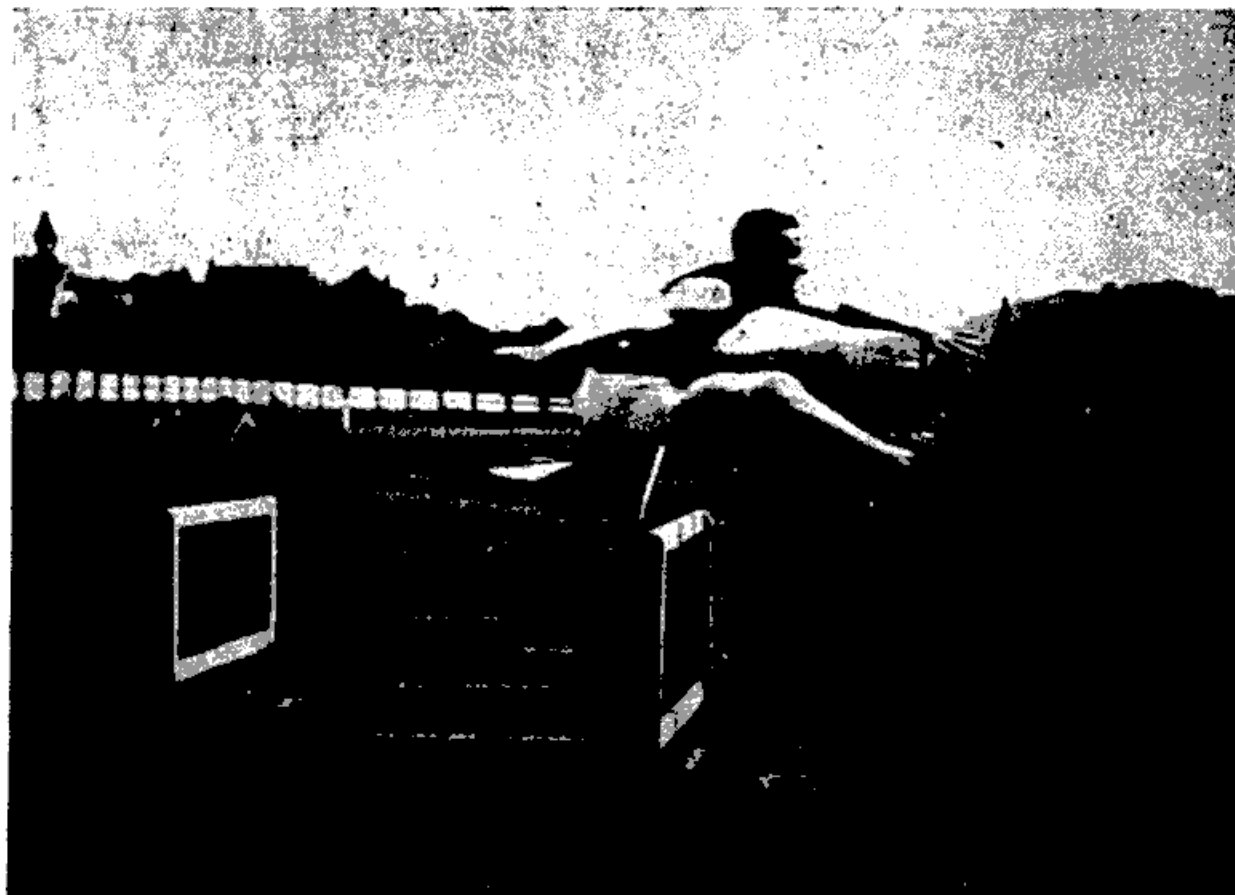
## SUMMARY OF POINTS GAINED FOR TOURNAMENT SHIELD

	AUC	VUC	CUC	OU
<b>Athletics—</b>				
1 point for each Championship Event and Relay Race (19) ..				
1 point for winner Athletic Shield Total—20	5	4	8	3
<b>Boxing—</b>				
1½ points for each weight (7) ..				
1½ points for winner Boxing Shield Total—10	6½	1½	1½	1½
<b>Swimming—</b>				
1 point for each Championship Event (10) .. .. .				
1 point for winner Swimming Shield .. .. .	3	1	—	7
Total—11				
<b>Rowing—</b>				
6 points for first place .. ..				
3 points for second place .. ..	—	—	6	3
Total—9				
<b>Shooting—</b>				
1 point for each practice (4) ..				
1 point for Haslam Shield .. ..	1	—	2	2
Total—5				
<b>Tennis—</b>				
2 points for each Championship Event (5) .. .. .	4	2	5	—
1 point for winner Tennis Cup ..				
<b>Basketball—</b>				
1½ points for each match won ..				
2 points for winner Shield .. ..	—	3	1½	6½
Total—11				
Total possible for any one Col- lege, 6½				
<b>TOTAL</b> .. .. .	<b>19½</b>	<b>11½</b>	<b>23½</b>	<b>22½</b>

## Lovely Picnic Held at Day's Bay

A lovely picnic at Day's Bay was arranged by the Social Committee at Easter for the visitors. Fortunately the day dawned bright and clear, so all our apprehensions were set at rest. We all queued up for the S.S. "Cobar" on Sunday afternoon, and all the girls were in their Sunday best, and did look lovely. Well the "Cobar" drew in and everybody went aboard. We quickly grouped ourselves in advantageous positions on the boat to see the natural beauties of the harbour, and then, oh, what a surprise! We found that the ubiquitous Mr. Daniell had brought his ever-popular concertina, so we didn't have to waste time looking at the harbour at all, but could sit at the back end

of the boat and sing popular undergraduate songs. Oh, what fun we had! We sang everything from "Weeping and Wailing" to "Weeping and Wailing." Then we got to Day's Bay, and everybody went ashore and a dainty afternoon tea was served at the Day's Bay Stores and the Boathouse Tea Gardens. Well, we wandered about Day's Bay for a while, but there was nothing to see, and we all wanted to get back on board the S.S. "Cobar," because we knew that the ubiquitous Mr. Daniell would be there again with his ever-popular concertina. And when we got back on board, there he was, so we all went back to Wellington singing "Weeping and Wailing" and other popular undergraduate songs. And so we reached home, and left the S.S. "Cobar," each vowing that they had never spent a happier day, what with the natural beauties of the harbour and the ever-popular concertina.



"He was conscientious . . ." Dave Tossman takes a hurdle (see page 8).

## Australian Clergyman Slates "Clasping Dances"

A vehement adjudgment of modern dancing was recently pronounced at an Australian church conference. That a woman should marry when scores of other men have had their passions roused by her, was a thought that revolted the Rev. Semmens and he amplified his initial remarks in no uncertain terms.

This pachydermatous member of the clergy continued—"For centuries the Church and other agencies concerned with the preservation of the sanctity of womanhood have set their faces against clasping dances, in which the body of the woman is held against the body of the man. It would be absurd to suggest that . . . all dancers are sinners, but we cannot take the risk or the responsibility of providing opportunities which lead to promiscuity.

"Control of functions where dancing is allowed is a nightmare. The lads begin handling and mauling the girls, the hip flask comes out and improprieties follow. High school dances in one place had to be stopped because of the number of bottles and other articles found in the grounds next day. Nothing can justify jitterbugging in which girls are upturned to show their panties."

Pending further action all dancers are to adhere to these rules. Girls to provide themselves with the following articles—(a) One suit of mail armour; (b) One padlock—key to be swallowed; (c) Slacks—only for jitterbuggers. Men—All hip pockets to be removed; the following are forbidden—skeleton keys, emetics, laxatives, tin openers and oxy-acetylene flames. Women must wear helmets with visors, men will wear mustaches—the cemetery is to be picketed and floodlit. All dancing will be under strict supervision. Any man whose passions are raised or any woman who suspects that her sanctity is being lowered will immediately contact a responsible member of the social committee who will provide the necessary precautions.

## Biology Party Visits Massey

On Saturday, 14th, a party from the Biological Society paid a visit to Massey Agricultural College. They observed something of the research work that is being done there in biology.

Many lecturers gave resumes of the work in their respective departments—parasitology, biochemistry, genetics, and horticulture. From the lecturer in genetics we learned that the best pigs to breed were of brown colour, the reason being that brown is pleasing to the farmers eye! And he a scientist!

During the afternoon two women members of the party were observed disappearing into the Men's Hostel—ardent biologists we presume.

Massey lived up to its usual standard of hospitality by providing afternoon tea and free transport to and from Palmerston North station. Fifteen or sixteen degree students from Massey will visit Victoria for a weekend later in the year.

The trip as a whole was most enjoyable. The only inconvenience was due to the reserved carriage from Wellington being full on the arrival of the party at the home station. An aristocratic and bemocled member of the party cleared the carriage.

## Tournament Culminates in Tennis Finals

It may be rather disheartening for Otago to realise that by winning a boxing heat they probably lost the Tournament Shield. Nevertheless, a process of deduction brings one willy nilly to this conclusion.

But for the sprained thumb that Ben O'Connor received in Monday morning's boxing, it is probable that he and Win Smiler would have won the Men's Doubles, thus giving VUC the Tennis Shield instead of CUC, and leaving OU with one more tournament point than CUC. Thus the most exciting finish of any tournament for years was provided by the final of the Mixed Doubles, upon which rested both the Tennis Cup and the Tournament Shield. Won by Miss A. Pepler and Mr. F. Seldon of CUC, it thus fulfilled CUC's boast that they would exchange the Wooden Spoon for the Shield.

The final of the Men's Singles was between the two VUC men, O'Connor and Smiler, the winner, but the toughest match was the final in which O'Connor narrowly defeated A. W. Tills (AUC) after a display of first class tennis.

In the women's finals Miss J. Wallace (AUC) defeated Miss N. Turner (VUC) by a small hard-fought margin—a good game but not so exciting to watch.

### MINIATURE RIFLES

A hundred yards with a .22 rifle is a difficult proposition at any time, but in the opinion of the judges the standard for this contest, which temporarily replaces the Haslam Shield competition, was unsatisfactory. Some good individual scores were put up and the teams were fairly evenly matched, CUC winning the I.C.I. Shield by a narrow margin from OU. J. W. King (CUC) made the highest individual average of 91.3, closely followed by Barrie Jones (OU) with 90. King also scored the highest in the rapid, while the honours for application were shared between Ross Valentine (OU) and B. J. Caldwell (AUC).

### ROWING

We needn't say too much about the rowing as rowing at Tournament, although we could give you plenty of reasons why we didn't win—hospitality to our guests being chief—but the various crews did have quite an interesting time after the race. A dainty afternoon tea—mostly, but not all, water biscuits and cheese, was turned on at the Star Boating Club and Hilarity soon became King. Songs were sung, stories told, old touches were cut up. With eternal friendship vowed SWEET ADELIN between ol' pals WHO'LL DO IT THIS TIME? an see yer nexyear at Canerbury 'ray 'ray 'ray anetcetera, rowing men made up for the time lost in training for months before Easter. etainshrdlumfwyVEG

Murgatroyd  
Was a cow more athletic than  
Mudderly.  
She hopped a fence and was  
Destroyed  
Udderly.

## Social Events Cap Sports

In right royal fashion the Tournament visitors were entertained by Victoria. On Saturday night, after the swimming, and on Monday, after the boxing, some hundreds of people foregathered in the Gym for a "rendezvous." Everyone seemed to be in good spirits, and in spite of the overcrowding some dancing was managed. The inevitable haka parties performed, to the further detriment of the floor supports. One Otago representative managed to climb onto the rafters. The dances ended somewhere about 2 a.m. We have no information as to what happened after that, though one person at least was reported not to have come home at all. Good work, pal!

Tournament Ball was somewhat more formal, though no less enjoyable. The notice "dress informal" led to a variety ranging from lumber shirts to tails. St. Francis Hall began to fill about 10 p.m., but fortunately it did not reach the overwhelming density of Varsity dances. The Chancellor of the University, Mr. Justice Smith, presented the Blues amid much applause and a few, fortunately few, of the usual hakas. Victoria accepted the Wooden Spoon (you've probably heard of it) with good grace. The dance resumed with vim. Later the drinking blues were awarded. As is right and proper, more cheering, booing and clapping greeted these than the official awards. The ball finally ended about 3 a.m. The chief item of interest was the lack of untoward incidents, unusual for a Varsity show.

## Women's Hockey Hold First General Meeting

At the annual general meeting the following officers were elected:—

Patron: Mr. G. F. DIXON.  
President: Mr. B. KEAN.  
Vice-Presidents: Mrs. L. R. RICHARDSON, Mrs. C. J. RALPH, Miss MYRA BAKER, Mrs. FELL.  
Club Captain: DAISY FILMER.  
Secretary: VIVIENNE RICH.  
Treasurer: DORIS FILMER.  
Committee: RUTH RUSSELL.

The Freshers will elect their representative later when they have become better acquainted. Captains of teams are co-opted automatically.

Last season College Blues were awarded to three members of the Senior A team—Daisy Filmer, Marion Marwick and Myra Baker. The Ralph Trophy for the most improved beginner was presented to Margaret Ross.

This year practices will be held in the Gym from 6 to 8 p.m. on Thursdays. If you cannot make it at six, come at seven. As inter-club matches begin about the end of the month, start to get fit now. Gym practices should begin the first Thursday after Extrav.

This season we hope:

- To play in Tournament in Dunedin.
- To send the Senior B team to play Massey.
- To arrange lunch-hour field practice.

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# SPORT

Tournament is now a fortnight past. The excessive demands made upon the time, energy, and stomachs of "Salient" staff over Easter, coupled with the importunate threats showered on any rehearsal absentees by our Extrav. producer ever since, forced a hasty retreat to a more tenable publication date than last Wednesday and we feel that to all but the purblind, halt and insane, the winners of tournament must now be known and their triumph acceded. We shall confine ourselves, therefore, to a summary of results and brief reports of the more informal highlights, and with our usual scholarly restraint refrain from laying bare the degrading stories of corrupt judges, heavy-handed handicapping, brutal intimidation, etc., which alone would bring understanding to our defeat. We merely point out that, being hosts, etiquette demanded that we lose; moreover, there being no virtue in mediocrity we lost graciously and heavily.

The ingratiating friendliness with which publicans now greet VUC youth is ample evidence of Wellington's hospitality. If more is required, let it be known that seventeen persons missed boats and trains after the close of festivities. Thus there is no need (and indeed, little evidence) of that hanging of heads and gnashing of teeth usually associated with the return of the Spoon. In fact, it was a good Tournament; we liked it, we liked the people we met, and we are not ashamed.

## Athletic Stars Effectively Distributed

Times and distances in the Athletics were, with few exceptions, not outstanding although there were probably more Provincial and National champions and title-holders competing this year than in any previous Tournament.

The star race of the contest was the defeat by **Dave Tossman** (VUC) of **Ken Greville**, the National title holder, in the quarter mile hurdles. Dave had concentrated everything on training for this race, and his determination won him the NZU title. Greville's time in the heat was 1/5 second better than the final. His best showing, however, was his 200 yds. finishing burst in the half mile when he easily outstripped **McDowall** (VUC) who was finding that you cannot be secretary of a tournament that goes on in two weeks, and still be fit enough to beat a National Champion.

**Mara** (OU) seemed to have no difficulty in hurling his 13 stone 5ft. 10in. into the air; he seemed to be in good form to attempt the NZU high jump record, but just failed to make it.

**Goldfinch** (VUC) produced a very exciting finish in the quarter mile, fighting it out with **Grey** (OU) over the last 170 yds. Grey was also second in the mile and third in the half.

"Zulu" **McKenzie** (CUC) rep. footballer, heavyweight boxer, and Tournament Delegate took the shot put, hammer and discus titles, although the VUC delegates did their best to put him out of action during the early part of Easter.

**Collinson** (AUC) in the heat of the low hurdles was only a fraction outside the NZU record of 26 seconds.

Most pleasing of all was the close competition in nearly all events, giving some exciting finishes and affording some consolation to the holders of the wooden spoon.

## BOXING

It now having been proved pointless to revive a club simply because a Tournament is impeding VUC hangs its head. Auckland with a team of men who had been well trained over a long period, had the boxing almost to themselves, winning four finals out of seven, with the other Colleges taking one each. Auckland thus retains the Iloft Boxing Shield. Victoria's only title, the featherweight, was gained by **Allan Young** with a neat display against taller and heavier men.

**C. Worth** (AUC) took the award of the most scientific boxer in a closely fought bout against **Brian Sutton Smith** (VUC). Victoria's chagrin at the treatment of **Ben O'Connor**, who sustained a dislocated thumb in the heat of the welterweight, was ameliorated by the sight of **Armstrong** being forced through the ropes by **J. Holmes** (AUC) in the final (see *Free Lance* for photo).

As a result of an injury received in the athletics the same afternoon, **Mara** (OU) proved no match for **McKenzie** (CUC) in the heavyweight final, a bout which might otherwise have been a fine display of scientific boxing.

"Tween bout entertainment was provided by competitive haka displays,

## THANKS

We wish to express publicly our grateful thanks to the twenty odd controllers on the VUC Tournament Committee who assisted us so much in the tremendously heavy task of putting Tournament on in two and a half weeks. It is a tribute to the spirit of the College that we were able to find so many responsible people capable of taking charge of their own jobs with such success.

Also deserving of praise are the many people whose names do not appear in the programme—the gate keepers and programme sellers, the recorders and the stewards. To all those unnamed workers we say thank you on behalf of ourselves and the NZU Tournament Committee.

Tournament Delegates.  
**R. M. Daniell.**  
**I. C. McDowall.**

OU being the most vociferous, VUC the best organised, while CUC and AUC merely contributed gurgling noises from the wings.

Otago's pipes and the VUC trumpet helped considerably. The noise issuing from the Town Hall was so great that the speakers at a St. Pat's jubilee meeting in the Concert Chamber were nearly overwhelmed.

## First VUC Swimming Champ. Since '35

From the point of view of Victoria the most interesting feature was the attainment of the first swimming championship by VUC since 1935, the women's 50 yards, which was won by **Pat Cummins**. VUC gained also three second places and finished on a par with AUC and CUC, but as OU took as many points as the other three Colleges put together, the issue was never in doubt.

**Marie Pasalich** (AUC) reduced the NZU record for women's 100 yards breaststroke by 6 seconds, but failed to repeat her own NZ record, partly due to the coldness of the water and possibly because of lack of competition.

NZU women's 50 yards record was broken by **Miss J. Fraser** (OU) during the heats, but **Pat Cummins** (VUC) defeated her in the final with a poorer time.

Otago's overall superiority was best demonstrated in the relay, which they won easily.

An unexpected, unheralded and unofficial novelty was **Mr. Evan de Berry's** (Otago, formerly Victoria and Canterbury) dash of the length of the Thorndon Baths, done for the sake of a wager, and remarkable in that he made it fully dressed and complete with cigarette.

## BASKETBALL

OU won the Basketball Shield with 3 wins to Victoria's 2, Canty's 1, and Auckland's none. However, the Auckland haka party showed their lack of sectarianism by some hearty barracking for VUC, especially prominent being cries of "Come on, Maggie." In Monday's matches the local girls were playing a far better game than on Saturday, when they were defeated by OU.

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