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Tennis

Freshers' Tournament was held on Saturday, 6th March, and took the form of a yankee tournament. Several promising freshers were seen in action for the first time, among these being J. Benstead, W. Crowe, G. Gordon, K. O'Connor, Beverley Wilson, Sue and Jo Francis, Alice Cormack (who won the girls' prize of a pair of balls), and I. Hally and S. Ostler, who jointly won the men's prize and who declined to toss for it because "they live together."

It is to be hoped that many of the freshers will be keen enough to challenge on to the ladder and next season play for the inter-club teams of which we have had three this year—Senior A, Second Grade, and Third Grade, with four men and four women in each. Most of the teams have finished up about the middle of their grades.

The team for Easter Tournament is as follows:—

Men's Singles: J. Walls, R. McKenzie.

Men's Doubles: J. Walls and H. Davidson; J. McIvor and W. Pritchard.

Women's Singles: Avis Reed, Elwyn Coull.

Women's Doubles: Joan Robbins and Elwyn Coull; Suzanne Iott and Gillian Foden.

Mixed Doubles: Avis Reed and H. Davidson; Loris Webley and W. Pritchard.

Women's Emergency: June Scott.
Team Manager: G. Napier.

Although our top players Lorna Ngata and Ben O'Connor, who won the men's singles at Tournament last year, are not available there are several bright spots in the team, one being the J. Walls-Hugh Davidson doubles combination. These two won the men's singles at the last Wellington Christmas tournament and were runners-up at Easter tournament last year. Avis Reed also did very well in the Wellington Christmas tournament when she beat Thyra Smith, who was ranked sixth for Wellington. Several other mem-

bers of the team reached the finals and semi-finals of various North Island tournaments over the long vacation and their match experience should prove a great asset over Tournament. In fact there is every prospect of the team proving just as capable as it was at Auckland last year when Victoria had little difficulty in carrying off the Tennis Shield. We think so anyway!

Urgent—All Tournament Representatives must attend a meeting at 7.30 p.m. in the Gym on Tuesday, 23rd. to receive lucky packets and steamer tickets. All must attend. Bring money for fares. Tournament photo will be taken that night.

Boxing

Bantamweight: C. M. Wong.
Featherweight: A. W. Young.
Lightweight: M. W. Wisheart.
Welterweight: J. Goldfinch.
Middleweight: C. A. McLeod.
Light-heavyweight: E. C. Adams.
Heavyweight: J. R. Roberts.
Coach: T. Adams.

Winners of the shield last year, the boxing team will again be strong. The club has been training since January under the supervision of an excellent coach, Mr. Ted Adams. Competition for team places has been very keen and much has been gained by the enthusiasm of new members. Altogether the prospects are very bright and it can be expected, without undue optimism, that the boxing shield will remain with Victoria.

Bantamweight in the Victoria team is Clarence Wong. A wily two-fisted boxer whose determination and clever weaving make him a worthy representative.

Allan Young, winner of the featherweight division in 1945, is again competing in this weight. Fast and experienced, he is a clever puncher with plenty of stamina. In perfect condition he has every reason to expect success at Dunedin. A V.U.C. blue.

Lightweight Merv Wisheart has been the winner of the welterweight division in the last two tournaments and last year won the scientific

award. Fast, orthodox and versatile with a long record of victories to which he should add this year. His chances of retaining the scientific medal are also very good. Another V.U.C. blue.

The only news from Massey concerns a welterweight named Christie who will have to eliminate a long range boxer John Goldfinch, whose stamina and ringcraft should give him an excellent chance of success in Otago.

In "Cathy" Macleod, middleweight, Victoria has a natural fighter supplemented by boxing skill. Determined and aggressive with a vicious punch he may well anticipate victory by the short route at Tournament.

Another member of last year's team, Eric Adams, light-heavyweight, is a strong puncher. Although he left his training until comparatively recently he is fast for the weight and will undoubtedly turn this to account in the conflict down South. Another lightweight G. C. Kaye will meet Adams soon.

Representative for the past two years, John Roberts is again the team's heavyweight. His height and weight make him a formidable opponent and he has a good punch. His present form indicates that he has improved since last year and the experience he has acquired should stand him in good stead in the ring.

More Tournament notes on Page 8.)

Dunedin Debauchery

In a matter of days now our representatives in the various Easter Tournament sports will be sailing for Christchurch en route to Dunedin to uphold the good name of Victoria and we wish them every success. Our chances are about the same as usual but hopes for a very good time are held by all.

Easter Tournament is considerably more than a coming together in combat of sporting giants from the various Colleges. We do not compete "for the sake of a ribboned coat" nor yet entirely for "honour and glory"; in fact, it would be difficult to find a student, out of the hundreds who will be present, for whom this is the only aspect. Tournament is for each exactly what he likes to make it and will be remembered by different students for very different highlights.

Our Tournament delegates Pip Piper (senior) and Geoff Ward (junior) have put in a great deal of time on the very necessary administrative side of Tournament. These background workers are too often forgotten in the flurry of the purely sporting side of Tournament. Other non-sports personnel proceeding to Dunedin are the N.Z.U.S.A. delegates, for a conference, and the News and Sports Editors of this paper who are attending a Press Conference held in conjunction with Tournament.

Rowing

I have been asked to submit to you reports of the members of our club selected to row at the Easter Tournament this year for inclusion in your next issue of the Salient.

The four and eight oar crews have been training this year under the guidance of Mr. Nat Rose, who repped the College himself earlier in the piece prior to the war. With his coaching, the team largely com-

prised of newer members, has proved quite the equal of teams in previous years, and is capable of putting up a very good performance.

Once again captaining the team and stroke of the eight is Stan Gillen, who stroking for the Petone No. 1 Maidens, has had several successes during the season, notably at the Christchurch Regatta.

Mick Donnelly is again rowing this year and has always proved himself a valuable oar to any crew, and he has been very unlucky not to have achieved success in races.

Mark Pownall and Dave Thomas have been consistently active, and both show a marked improvement on their last year's appearance.

Geoff Ward, who has coxed the eight in recent years, will be rowing in the team. This year he has been with the Star Lightweight crew, which has been well up in every regatta in which they have participated.

Brian Hansen and Harvey Egdell, two other lightweights, have shown by their recent performances to be of great value as new members to the eight.

Also bringing new life to the boat is John Wilson. Formerly of C.U.C., he rowed in the crew that finished a close second to Auckland last year. This year we'll give them even a bigger fright.

Two powerful types making a first appearance are Ray Shannon and Les Smith. When they get their sea legs in the eight you'll see it move.

Another novice who has been rowing consistently well is Charlie Harkin. In another twelve months he will be the man to watch.

Dave Muir has switched his attentions from boxing to rowing for a while. It seems that he is giving his face a spell to give the other end of his anatomy a slogging.

A word must be said en passant for our most successful oar in recent years and N.Z.U. Blue, Graham Honore, who while unable to go to Dunedin this year has nevertheless devoted a great deal of time and a good deal of energy towards the work entailed behind the scenes in keeping the boats in nick.

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Salient

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 17th.

NOOSE FOR YOU

The visitor to Salient Room who is observant enough to raise his eyes above head-level will notice that a noose hangs from the ceiling above the table. This length of rope was, so rumour hath it, installed for the use of editors who had been driven suicidal because their creation had fallen short of the original conception.

For me however it has more significance. It is an ever present symbol of the activities and intentions of many of Salient critics. Prominent in the lynching bee and giving it its respectability is that worthy dame Truth, and the fickle jade Student Opinion. The most loud-mouthed and crafty member of the party is Mr. Sectional Opinion. This latter gentleman usually cloaks his activities by seeking to impress his audience that he speaks in the name of his dumb but awe-inspiring companions.

Truth however sometimes speaks for herself. On this page she is represented by the Executive and the Debating Society. The Secretaries of these two bodies point out errors of fact in our last issue. We humbly and sincerely apologize for the mistakes, and trust that the difficulties of verification which faced the staff will be appreciated by our critics. We must also apologise for many technical mistakes in that issue. A new printer who had an unexpected twelve page issue to rush through has done a very good job under the circumstances.

For once Student Opinion other than that represented by members of the staff has found a mouthpiece. Mother of Ten and a Baby in a lengthy letter gives us his ideas on cleaning up Victoria. We gratefully print it as an article on page 7.

And what about the third member of the trio? I am afraid he shines in the corridors and in the knots of spittoon philosophers in the Common Rooms and Caf. He makes accusations which cannot be met, he creates a small body of truculent people who come along to the A.G.M. every year and try to shackle Salient with censorship regulations. These people take the easy way—if they don't agree with the opinions expressed, then they try to suppress them. If we ask them why don't they defend themselves and their convictions by writing for Salient they snort that Red bias will prevent their views appearing in print. Let me assure them that that attitude has only been fostered by people who would like to see freely expressed opinions muzzled. The reason for the "biased" opinions in our pages is that those people who happen to possess that "bias" are the only ones who write for Salient. So far this year only two contributions have been turned down—both for literary reasons. One, an attempt at humorous satire seemed to me to be better suited to Cappicade, the other a poem expressing sentiments with which I heartily concur, did not reach the high standard which its author has attained in the past. You can be sure that any contribution will be published which is of a decent literary standard, with due regard to relevancy and space.

Sometimes the representative of sectional opinion manages to lift a pen and write a letter to Salient. I congratulate F.M. on his courage and his interest. I hope that a criticism of his letter will not make him shy clear of making further attempts to criticize Salient. First I deprecate his attitude to Y.P.C. He wants a student paper to keep exclusively to student activities. It is about time that he and many others like him realized that students must look beyond the University. Salient tries in many way to link our isolated student community to the outside world. Keeping in touch with youth organizations is only one way. Commenting on questions of the day, local, national and international is another.

Ten years of such comment reveals a surprisingly consistent attitude. This attitude we termed on page 3 of the first issue "anti-fascist." We realize, however, that this word has a high emotional content but under the circumstances it is the only one which would be used to denote opposition to Hitler, Mussolini, Franco and their milk-and-water associates Chamberlain and Laval. F.M. desires an article on fascism as conceived by those in "progressive" circles. He will see it on page 7.

—W.J.C.

All contributors must send COPY IN TYPED ON ONE SIDE ONLY OF HALF FOOLSCAP SHEETS. Our staff is small, our time is short and we've got more than enough to do without having to re-type all contributors and decipher bad handwriting. We also prefer to spend the wee sma' hours of the morning in bed.

Our Bellers

Dear Sir,—
The attention of my executive has been drawn to a number of unfortunate errors of fact made in your issue of the 27th February. The executive has expressed the wish that these matters be pointed out to you so that in a subsequent issue prominence can be given to the correction of what may cause a great deal of confusion in the minds of your readers, owing to the fact that this information is incorrect.

The first matter relates to the article on examination fees on page 10 of the issue. You discuss the examination fee question up to the stage of the case N.Z.U.S.A., acting through D. F. Lagan v. the Senate. You go on to say: "There the matter rested, until in 1947 it was quietly announced that a reduction of a whole two shillings per paper had been made." This is most unjust to N.Z.U.S.A. who, during the whole of 1946, negotiated with the Senate for a reduction which was finally made to the extent of 2/- per paper. There is a long report embodying the contents of a great deal of investigation that had been made into all aspects of this matter. Officers of the Association conferred with the Senate Finance Committee and as a result of this the Finance Committee recommended the reduction which Senate subsequently ratified. I might point out also that this matter is not even yet under consideration by N.Z.U.S.A. and a report is to be submitted to the A.G.M. at Easter time.

The next article to which I wish to draw your attention is on page 12 and is headed "Whither Goes Your Stud. Ass. Fee?" In the first place, you say, "The revenue from this source, after a small deduction by the College office of a collection fee..." I wish to point out to you that there is no deduction of a collection fee by the College authorities at all.

The next point in this article concerns the item regarding wages. You state inter alia, "The wages of the office assistant, payments for upkeep of the gym, etc., are also charges met by this money. IN ADDITION nearly £700 per annum is paid in wages for an accountant and office staff." This is absolutely incorrect and for your information the total wage bill is between £500 and £600, not approximately £1,000, which is the inference when the two sentences referred to above are read in conjunction.

I would be grateful therefore if you would give prominence in your next issue to the points I have mentioned.

Yours faithfully,

K. O'BRIEN,

Hon. Secretary.

Action!

Dear Sir,—A copy of the Report of the International Student Service Annual Conference held at Aarhus University, Denmark, in July, 1947, has recently come to my hand. As the V.U.C. I.S.S. Committee is at present raising funds for the I.S.S. World Student Relief by means of work days, it might be of interest to students to know how other national committees of I.S.S. are raising their funds for I.S.S.-W.S.R.

- (a) Collections at dances, films, festivals.
- (b) Give dances, concerts, auctions, speeches.
- (c) Appeals to alumni and friends of the College or University.
- (d) Door fee at student discussions (political groups).
- (e) Dinners and dances by clubs or groups.
- (f) House to house, and street collections.

(g) Drama productions.

(h) The French method of raising funds for I.S.S. is to set forward a definite project for which the money is to be spent.

(i) The Danish report that in their case, the State gives money equal to that raised by the students.

These methods are quoted from the report and suggest extra ways in which students of V.U.C., past and present, could assist the I.S.S. Committee to raise all the funds possible for the World Student Relief.

J. D. W. RAINE,
Treasurer, V.U.C. I.S.S.

Our Debators

Dear Sir,—

I am instructed by my committee to draw your attention to an error in the current issue of Salient. On page 11 you have stated that the motion, "That the Present Foreign Policy of the U.S.S.R. is a Menace to World Peace" was lost. It was, in effect, carried.

Since this was printed in heavy black type the committee would like to see a correction in the next issue of Salient in similar type.

NELL CASEY,

Hon. Sec. V.U.C. Debating Society.

(We are sorry that only a half-truth appeared in the article. The whole truth will be apparent if we quote the last paragraph of the report of the debate—Salient, 3rd April, 1948:—)

"After the two leaders had summed up without adding anything to the discussion, the motion was put and carried by six votes on a count of members of the association. When put to the whole house, however, it was lost by a similar narrow margin. There were about sixteen visitors present."—Ed.)

Our Critics

Dear Sir,—

Since Salient has commenced the New Year with an assurance that it has an anti-fascist history of which it is proud it will be interesting to see just how a reconciliation will come about. The reconciliation will consist of an explanation of the actions of those "notoriously leftist" students who have been demonstrating against those who are engaged once more in purging reactionaries (a favourite modern pastime). Either these students are suddenly fascists or their new Government is not on Salient's approved list.

One other point in the first issue needs comment. A better heading for the article "What is the Y.P.C.?" would have been "Why the Y.P.C.?" This peculiar organization composed it seems of very few youth who are members of some unnamed clubs has a column in what I have always presumed is a student paper.

For the benefit of all students Salient might spend some space telling us just exactly what is a fascist. The matter is becoming more and more confused even in "progressive circles."

I remain,

F. M.

(See Editorial.—Ed.)

Lloverly

Dear Sir,—

SPELING.

A notice on enrolment day read "Zoology Enrollments." This has put my spelling in a hel of a mess and made me all muddled.

Can you heLLp me?

PUZZLED.

(This malady needs special personal attention. Please call on me between the hours of 4 p.m. and 4.10 p.m. in Salient Room.—Ed.)

NO MAN'S LAND

WHEN IS A DEMOCRACY?

DEBATING CLUB CHECKS UP ON CZECHOSLOVAKIA

A well attended meeting of the College Debating Club on Friday, 12th March, became most heated over the motion "That the present Czechoslovak Government is not based on democratic principles."

Mr. B. O'Connor opened the case for the affirmative by remarking that "World events happen purposely to suit the convenience of V.U.C. Debating Society." The question was, he admitted, a vexed one. Facts were very difficult to get at, and it must be acceded that there was much evidence to justify European suspicion of the long hand of American economics.

"Democratic principles" called for definition, and Mr. O'Connor stated that in essence they were two—free, secret elections, and the existence of an opposition. Today neither principle was adhered to in Czechoslovakia. The Communists had struck at the heart of democracy with their coup d'etat, and, on thinly disguised orders from Moscow, M. Gottwald had undertaken purges of the remaining shreds of independent thought, while Prague was being filled by jacked-booted Russians in long overcoats to swamp the polls when the Communist-conducted election took place in two months. On the other hand Mr. O'Connor had seen no evidence of "dollar imperialism" in Czechoslovakia.

Mr. W. Cameron opened the negative case by pointing out that Mr. O'Connor had acknowledged his ignorance of facts, and offering to enlighten him. He followed the history of the Czech Government from 1945 when the Provisional Government was formed. All parties agreed (1) to oust collaborators, and (2) to implement a radical programme of nationalization. The 1946 elections resulted in the four parties (Communists, Socialists, Social-Nationalists, and Christian Democrats) in setting up a unanimous United Front Government. Last month leading members of the latter two groups resigned over a petty issue in the hope of bringing down the United Front. The Socialists and Communists, however, together with members of other parties, stood firm, and occupying a majority of seats in the Assembly, carried on the Government with the approval of Dr. Benes. That was nothing but democratic, since the majority still ruled.

Mr. J. Milburn next took up the affirmative cudgels. He failed to see how 40 per cent., the Communist strength, constituted a majority. He continued to explain how, in his view, Communism was, by its very nature, the antithesis of democracy. Equality before the law, the right of 60 per cent. to express its views, had vanished as the Marxist claw descended on Prague. And Masaryk, the heroic name that meant so much... driven to suicide (cries of "Did he fall or was he pushed?") Democracy had vanished from Czechoslovakia.

Mr. R. Smith, seconding the negative case, referred to Mr. Milburn's speech as an "emotive diatribe." Mr.



Smith compared "democracy" in capitalist countries, notably the United States, with the Socialist ideal of democracy. If democracy was "Government of the people, by the people, for the people," it should be complete control by the people of every facet of their life. What sort of freedom did Wall Street and its subsidiary cartels represent? What even elementary democratic rights had negro voters in Georgia? Reaction was willing to stoop very low in its fight against Socialism—people's democracy; we knew that from the history of the conspiracies against Soviet Russia. The issues today in Czechoslovakia were clear; it was Socialism for the people, or subjugation to a foreign Power.

FROM THE FLOOR

Mr. Benda (aff.) made a dramatic speech, utilizing his Czechoslovak nationality. He said Dr. Benes had accepted the new Government under pressure.

Mr. Curtin (aff.) was opening a blazing torrent of abuse against "Communist totalitarians" when an interjector inquired whether he was any relation of the Iron Curtain.

Mr. Bollinger (neg.) pointed out that had the 1946 elections in Czechoslovakia been held under our system, the Communists would have considerably over 50 per cent. of the Assembly.

SUMMING UP

Mr. Cameron reiterated the fact that the Czech Government was not run by 40 per cent., but by over 60 per cent.

Mr. O'Connor repeated charges of violence, intimidation, and the crushing of democratic opposition.

The motion was put to the meeting and carried.

Mr. A. H. Scotney placed Mr. O'Connor as the evening's best speaker, with Mr. Benda second. Mr. O'Brien and Mrs. Mathews were third equal, and Mr. Milburn and Mr. Bollinger were fifth equal.

SKI-ING CLUB

A Fast Pair of Skis . . .

NEW CLUB TO BE FORMED

For a good few years now many people how at various times talked of forming a Ski Club. The reasons advanced were good, e.g., a ski-club could use a grant for ski-ing only.

There are students who are interested in ski-ing though not in tramp-ing, and although the majority of trampers are interested in ski-ing some are not. Ski-ing is a slightly

more expensive sport to the individual, so that those who would like to ski are unable to tramp very often, so jeopardizing their chances of going on an August Trip through lack of club support.

For these and many other good reasons it has been decided to find out how many people are interested in forming a Ski-ing Club.

If you are interested please sign the list on the notice board.

OUR ATHLETES

Unfortunately, Salient has been unable to "get the names into the stop press" but we hope that some idea of our athletic strength may be gained from this article.

The 1947-48 season has been a good one for the athletic club. While we have outstanding athletes in the club, we have quite a few chaps who are of good standard.

Main highlights of the year were the Provincial Champs and a trip to Hastings, while we have Inter-Faculty Sports, or Tournament to look forward to. The winners of the provincial titles were Fred Duckworth (120 hurdles and second in the 220 hurdles), and Fred Marshall (discuss, hammer and shot). Others who performed well and secured places were Gerry Barnard 440, Clem Hawke, mile, Brian Pohlen and Des Kelly, one and three miles walk, Gerry Fox 440 hurdles, Pat Giles, pole vault, Ika Lisslenko, discus, and the relay team which came second.

The club came second for the McVilly Shield and, for the first time in its history marched for the Kitto Shield and was placed second.

At the Junior Provincial Champs our one junior athlete won the mile and was second in the 880. He should put up a good performance at the Nationals.

In the handicap events that day we were well to the fore winners being Tiger Lyons, 100, Trevor Levy, 220, and Brian Pohlen 880 walk.

On the 27th February, a team of twelve travelled to Hastings for the weekend, in order to help the local club and also to receive some tuition from Frank Sharpley, the well-known coach. The team competed very well and everybody got a place in at least one event. Individual winners were Ray Vaughan 100 yards, John Goldfinch 440, Neville Sherring (880 jnr.), Brian Pohlen 880 walk, Fred Marshall discus and shot, and Trevor Levy, long jump, while a team of four sprinter won the relay.

As usual we have had few girls out; but Dorothy Wood and Barbara Fougere have been out occasionally. They both competed in the Provincial Champs, but lack of training spoilt their efforts and the only place the girls got was Dorothy's second in the shot put. It is a pity this event is not on at Tournament as she is getting quite proficient at it.

Fred Marshall was our sole representative at the National Champs at Dunedin, but the weather told against him and he couldn't produce his best.

The Junior National Champs are on next week at Auckland and by the time this paper goes to press the results will be known. Neville Sherring has every change of taking a title and we wish him the best of luck.

Our tournament team has not yet been picked; but we may be able to get the names into the stop press. On paper we won't do much better than last year—even poorer in the women's events—but you can be assured that each member will perform to the best of his or her ability.

Salient would be glad to hear from someone who has a good typewriter for sale. Please contact either the editor or the news editor.

Salient would also like it to be known that anybody attempting to break into Salient Room can expect retribution of the most excruciating nature. This has been an amusing little pastime which is definitely not to be indulged in from now on.

Captain Boycott

Our bellicose article on Film Criticism has apparently driven would-be contributors to withhold their precious manuscripts from the cold eye of our literary experts. We publish the only film criticism submitted to us, not with our editorial blessing, but with the hope that someone may be good enough to point out its irrelevances, its unsupported opinions and its inability to tell us anything we didn't already know, if we had seen the film.

"And if someone offends against the community . . . you can boycott him."

The words have changed somewhat; boycott has now given way to strike, and the leagues are now called unions, but it is still a Christian way to settle a just grievance; and it can still be an unchristian method of settling an unjust grievance.

The British have been producing historical dramas for some time now, some of them good and some of them bad and whatever they are the people go to them just the same. This is one of the good ones, which is to be expected with the producing team of Lauder and Gilliat. How much of it is true I do not know; the man of the title is history, and so are the main incidents; undoubtedly the hero is fictional as are probably the more remotely historical happenings.

Except for one or two slips, the Irish accents have been retained convincingly, which is to be expected since so many of the cast are Irish. Donat asked for the role of Parnell, and, much to his credit, did not merely adorn it as so many would have done. Granger is, of course, good box-office at all times, and, strangely enough, he more than occasionally acts. The fact that he learned to ride in the Guards has not been lost sight of, nor has the fact that he can make love in a very pleasing manner, in this case with the girl for whom James Mason was the odd man out, Kathleen Ryan. She is good, pleasing to the senses in more ways than intellectually. Of the other characters Alistair Sim is the weakest; he has probably still memories of Scotland Yard, but for all that "I enjoyed him immensely."

Acting, however, takes a back seat when there are bigger issues. Here we have several.

There is the question of the justice of the landlord system as it was in Ireland, and the producers have seen fit to make Boycott a victim of the system as well as his tenants.

This is the question of the hate which can be inspired in young minds, and the Irish know that well, although it is only slightly touched upon in the picture in a very pleasant manner. There are Irish-blooded New Zealanders who have a feeling towards the English that has been inspired by the killings of their great grandparents, their grandparents, and even closer relations. Such feelings, however justly inspired, die hard and die long.

Finally there is the major issue of mob violence, an issue which has been played on throughout. The fickle anger and temper of a mob is easily fanned, but it is a hard fire to quench—and there are few fires which do not cause damage.

This is a good film, not a great film, probably not even a memorable one in the true sense of the word, but a film which provides a few of the answers to questions it raises. And also, a few interesting comparisons.

Salient offers a prize to anybody submitting for the next issue an article which does not include the letter "f" (or "F"), as this letter on our typewriter has had it.

Heard at Freshers' Welcome: One fresher trying to impress another and pointing to Salient's door, "That's the Exec. Room, you know." Salient staff is seriously considering taking libel action.

Renaissance in India**STUDENT REVIEWS
CULTURAL DEVELOPMENTS**

India's political and national determination has caught the eyes of the world, but apart from the political aspect nothing or little is known of the inner transformation of the sub-continent. To even outline the developments of "Cultural India" would be a task of great magnitude and the transformation in that country can but merely be touched.

DECADENT INDIA

To those who have had little to do with Indian cultural progress, the great revival of learning would be obscure. With this in mind, I will endeavour to bring to notice what really has been and is taking place in India.

From 1206 India had been declining until the middle of the 19th century—her culture and progress had come to a standstill. In proportion to her population and in comparison with the past India was virtually a decadent country. She had made no startling new contributions and her sole fame rested on the country's past glory.

THE CAUSE OF RENAISSANCE

In the middle of last century the Indian Mutiny of 1857 roused Indians to political and national consciousness and that in its turn gave impetus for the deep interest in culture and a desire for progress in all spheres of life. The country again became spiritually alive and every school of religion was going under transformation. In Bengal, Ram Mohun Roy fought against the rigid rules of Hindu orthodoxy and founded the Brahmo Samaj. There was Ramakrishna who had a new interpretation of Hinduism. Then a long list of ardent reformers and theological-philosophers such as Kishub Chunder Sen, Bepin Chandra Pal, Barendra Ghose, Arabinid Ghose, Swamis Dayanand Saraswati, Visweswaranda, Brahmanana, Saradananda and a host of other with a later addition of Sir Radhakrishnan and Ananda Coomaraswamy who are internationally known.

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The Islamic world in India also had reformatory movement. In 1890 the Ahmadiyya Movement was founded by Ghulam Ahmad and there is a catalogue of Muslim reformers who are lesser known.

On the political-religious scene there are and have been countless men of outstanding ability who have contributed towards India's independence and religious reformation. I will list a few who are internationally known. One whose leadership and contribution cannot be challenged is the late Mohandas Gandhi, then follow Tilak, Bonnerjee, Naoroji, Malaviya, Das, Ansari, Parsad and Jinnah. Those who have not mingled religion and politics to complicate the life of political India are: Pandit Motilal Nehru (father of the Prime Minister of India), Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, Mrs. Sarojini Naidu (the poetess) and Vallabhai Patel.

INDO-ANGLICAN POETRY

Much could be written on Indo-Anglican poetry, but there is neither space nor time to give a critical analysis on such a diverse subject. It was in the sunset of the 19th century that thousands of Indians were found travelling to England, Europe, America and China in the quest for knowledge. A new door was opened for India and she entered it without fear of breaking tradition and age-long customs of religion and caste. Indians began to express themselves in English and before long a new contribution was made to English literature. This Indo-Anglican literature (otherwise known as Anglo-India, Indo-English or Anglo-Oriental literature) was gradually seeping into English and European journals and was made popular through the sympathy of such scholars as Professor Max Muller, the German orientalist. This contribution was unconsciously a response of a new India that was making her soul acquainted with the new world. Indo-Anglican literature belongs as much to the Indians as it does to the West. It was through western education that such an off-spring was born. Therefore a keen interest is expected of westerners in this new contribution to world literature. It is the only permanent and binding link between the East and the West and it is a chain far stronger to secure world peace than all the international organizations working for peace and world understanding.

However, despite the opening of the renaissance by countless numbers of poets, writers, artists and political

TARA: THE THIRTEEN YEAR TEMPLE DANCER

*Dance to the throbbing of the drums
To the thousand eyes that stare;
Dance till the cool morning comes
And the crisp auroral air.*

*Sing to the tune of the crying flute
To the castanet that rings
Dance before the hungry mute
To the old harp's broken strings.*

*Smile when the tears gather in your eyes
Grace into those movements bring
Suppress those welcome sighs
Wheel wildly around the ring.*

*Show that youthful bosom rise
Beating time with forceful ease
To the wild beat of the cries
In a wild desire to please.*

*Dance, dance the drums they quickly leap
The music dies before the hour
She falls into a helpless heap
Like some forgotten flower.*

—Omar Hjumars.

leaders, the world was not conscious of the new trend until Rabindranath Tagore made his appearance. Tagore was nothing less than a whirlwind for the West, he took the world unaware. Tagore was no doubt famous throughout the length and breadth of India but he was little known outside. It was through the efforts of W. B. Yeats, the Irish playwright and poet, that Tagore was introduced to the West. The oriental scholars in Sweden were so touched by the depth and philosophy of his writings that they awarded him the Nobel Prize for literature in 1913. On the medal was written "For reason of the inner depth and the high aim revealed in his poetic writings." Two years later he was knighted by the King-Emperor. Because Tagore is universally known it would be better to take him as an illustration for the new era in India.

Gandhi and Nehru may be colossal political figures in India, they have contributed to the Indianization of India, but when fully measured and compared to Tagore they are like two stars beside the moon. This harsh criticism is quite likely due to the fact that Rabindranath Tagore has been my idol from the days of my childhood, but national men and women throughout the world when summing up his contribution would tend to agree with me.

Before the advent of Tagore there were two outstanding poets in India: Bakim Chandra Chatterji and Ramparsad. The latter has written some of India's most perfect and beautiful lyrics. Tagore was not even capable of writing the type of popular song that Ramparsad has been noted for. The loveliest of all Bengali popular songs is Ramparsad's "This Day will Surely Pass, This Day will Pass." Tagore, great as he was, borrowed the first line for his own poem ("I Know this Day will Pass"). Other personalities in poetry are Iqbal (Muslim poet), Naidu (poetess), Ananda and Sen.

WHAT IS INDO-ANGLICAN POETRY

Those figures who have written English while expressing their Eastern thoughts belong to the Indo-Anglican school proper. However, Tagore broke this rule—his translations of his own works were so perfect and beautiful that the prose-poems were unchallenged. Mrs. Sarojini Naidu and Ananda write a great number of their poems directly into English. Mrs. Naidu's ("The Golden Threshold") first collection has shown her to be a great lyrical poetess. She stands apart from the others for she keeps to the rules of "poetry proper" i.e., she uses rhymes and adheres to western forms. Let me quote a verse from "The Illusion of Love" to demonstrate her style and mechanics.

"Beloved, you may be as all men say
Only a transient spark
Of flickering flame set in a lamp of clay—

I care not . . . since you kindle all my dark
With the immortal lustres of the day."

Tagore and Ananda have written nothing like it, they are contented to write prose-poems. Ananda has no excuse since he writes in English whereas Tagore's are translations. I fully believe that Ananda has been imitating Tagore like countless other writers. Though one common bond between Tagore and Ananda is that they write deep religious poems. The latter has never been able to realize his imitation fully for Tagore has the aptitude and gift of the most beautiful poetic language and on the whole he is an abstract poet. Ananda has not the richness of language though he ably binds the kite of mysticism to some concrete object.

Quotations from Tagore and Ananda might help to bring home their characteristics.

"Here is thy footstool and there rest thy feet where live the poorest, and the lowliest, and the lost."

When I try to bow to thee, my obeisance cannot reach down to the depth where thy feet rest among the poorest, the lowliest, and the lost. Etc."

(Tagore: Gitanjali, No. 10).

"Morning hides her face in a veil of sea-blue cloud."

Above Rondana's grey-white peak an icy silence sits." Etc.

(Ananda: Snow Birds, No. 5.)

Tagore can lose himself in nature and sometimes he disappears into mysticism where none can follow him. With the other poets this is not so, they bind mysticism and worldly objects together. Gandhian mysticism cannot be followed because of the great man's irreconcilable ideas, Gandhi could contradict himself a thousand times a day and yet his followers would let it pass, he was solely interested in Indian political achievement and to obtain this he fell to religion for support. Tagore was too great to resort to orthodox Hinduism to support his weaknesses. He was a universal poet. Tagore was a creative genius and his contribution to world literature and politics cannot be less than India's greatest gift to humanity. Tagore was a poet, novelist, educationalist, social reformer, preacher, dramatist, critic, artist, moralist, musician, historian, and economist and he has enriched world literature by contributing some four hundred books on diverse subjects. He was undoubtedly greater than Gandhi for he opened the golden age for India in all spheres of her life.

It is difficult to impress upon anyone who has not been familiar with the Indian renaissance the great strides that are being made. I can sum up the situation by writing that India is being reborn—her soul has been awakened to the age-long cry for progress.

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DEBATING AND DIVERS DESTRUCTIVE DISCOURSES

The 49th Annual General Meeting of the Debating Society was held in the Gym. on Wednesday night, 3rd March, and the following Committee was elected for the year:—

Patron: Rt. Hon. the Chief Justice.
President: Kevin O'Brien.
Vice-President: Harold Dowrick.
Secretary: Jean Melling.
Treasurer: Nell Casey.
Committee: Loralanne Leicester, Allison Pearce, Oscar Melling, Jim Milburn.

Tul Kelha was elected as the Society's representative on the Building Fund Committee.

Impromptu Speeches: The Effects of Strong Drink. Mr. O'Mahon thought that the results were to be seen everywhere around us. He seemed to have an exaggerated opinion of the capacity of students in this connection.

That Jazz and Swing are the Natural Consequences of Musical Evolution: Mr. Hogg asserts that jazz fiends have no other means of outlet (cries of "frustration" and "shame"). They should be brought together—they should be confined (loud laughter). He came to the rather startling conclusion that T. S. Eliot is on a par with Harry James.

The Necessity of Unions for Clergymen. Mr. Battersby told us of his great sorrowing for the clergy. It would be nice for the clergymen to have a union then "they could all be boys together."

The New Look. Conrad Bollinger was a little flummoxed by this subject. He said, however, "I have an old aunt" (reference to fog from the audience). "She had an ostrich feather in a preserving jar. He thinks that the 'New Look' is probably very handy for 'hiding things.' The audience was left to work out the connection.

How to Choose a Wife. Mr. Pottinger had three prerequisites for a wife. Despite the fact that he avowedly did not have one he displayed a remarkable insight. His main point was that his wife would have to be faithful. He felt that "it would not be very pleasant to come home from work and find . . ." Words failed him at this point.

The Oompah Bird's Philosophy is Correct. Miss Illott enthusiastically acclaimed the Oompah Bird's philosophy and, while the audience rocked and wept, gave a thoughtful exposition of what she considered to be the main points of such a philosophy. We were asked "how many of you have ever sat on a fence and done that sort of thing?" The audience, stunned, considered the possibility of such a procedure. "Of course," we were informed, "it's the battle cry." We agree there. It was also suggested that there was some connection between Oompah and the New Look.



ISS WORKDAYS
March 20th, April 3rd.

FRIDAY, MARCH 19th
DRAMA CLUB
"Deep are the Roots."
Followed by supper and dance. 1/6.

TUESDAY, 23rd MARCH.
A.G.M. Swords Club, 8 p.m. Downstairs Gym.

WORLD YOUTH WEEK
Youth rally at 8 p.m. Thursday, March 18th, Blue Triangle Hall,
Y.W.C.A., Boulcott St.
V.U.C.S.A., Young Peoples' Clubs, Training College.

The Effect of Weir House on its Inmates. Mr. Twomey as an ex-inmate was able to assure us that, in the words of the best warden that Weir ever had, one Te Punga, the only things not allowed in Weir were drink and unlicensed women—he asserted that any time we liked to go over there we could see this for ourselves. Another sensible rule is that no visitors are allowed until after 11 p.m. He decided that residing at Weir helped to fit one for the community and instanced the tear gas attack which even the then warden admitted was very well done—of course no one had ever been able to find out who had carried this plan through.

How to Choose a Husband was tackled by Allison Pearce whose bete noir is apparently hair oil. From here the dissertation wandered to bottles for hair oil, bottles for milk and just bottles—thousands of them. She was also in favour of "carrying on." This seemed to be inextricably mixed up with milk bottles which in turn seemed to have something to do with "building bonny babies"—rather confusing we found it.

That the Human Race is Weight for Age. Mr. Cook was more than a little confused but his brightest remark was, "I don't know about any other members in the hall tonight having any hopes of producing anything in their middle age." He was puzzled by the effect of this remark on the audience but carried on valiantly.

A Roadster Moon. Mr. Barclay let slip the remark, "I've seen the moon in some funny circumstances." From here the speech developed into a confidential conversation on the merits and demerits of various types of car. The audience was most helpful and I am left with the impression that the final verdict had something to do with a car with collapsible front seats which Mr. Barclay seemed to think "would make a comfortable job of it."

The Effect of Atomic Energy on pure Gothic or N.Z. Architecture was dealt with by Mr. Milburn. "Our house is not Gothic—as a matter of fact it's not ours." Jim seemed to think that p'raps the Goths had something and suggested that there should be a Gothic annex to the UNO Atomic Energy Commission. No one seemed to care much one way or the other so it was left at that.

Women should say No was delivered a resounding blow by Miss Marshall who was not at all sure about this.

Dear Sir.—This issue draws the attention of students to the fact that I have been appointed Registrar of Student Lodgings, by the Students' Association Executive. My task is to assist all students who need it, to obtain satisfactory board. Already I have had a number of requests and I have been able to assist some people. We have been given a measure of publicity in the daily press and I have further made a personal appeal to a wide and representative section of the public. There are, however, one or two ways in which students themselves can help me. I would be grateful if they would bring to my notice the names of any people who may be willing to take students, and in addition, if those who live in Wellington are in a position to give board to less fortunate students whose homes are outside the city. I hope they will give the matter serious consideration.

M. G. SULLIVAN.

Students

Do you want board and lodging? Do you know anyone who can provide it? If so contact Rev. Martin Sullivan.



FRESHERS FRATERNIZE

. . . Bash And Hash

Dresses were torn, sweat dripped, ankles were bruised, food was eaten, drink was spilt, women were kissed, freshers were shocked—that was Freshers' Welcome.

Bods, some groaning under the satisfying diet of the Social Committee's supper (if they could get at it) and others just groaning, clung together, or, if they were Freshers, shuffled aimlessly round and round the Gym.

Conversation was limited to "Are you a fresher?" "No, this is my 4th year." How fresh are you? "Will you be fresh with me?" "Come into the cemetery, Maud," and other little niceties of polite conversation. The hall was tastefully decorated with old pieces of rope, basketball goals, Biology Society notices (hep! hep!) and a lovely stag's head. (The stag was left over from the Biology Soc. dance.)

Wound round the mike was that homme fatal, Warren Johnson, who compered the dancing(?) in his usual inimitable manner. This Freshers' dream set many little hearts adancing but Warren was too busy with the band (which incidentally included a very lush thrush) to give them his full attention.

Seen on the floor were the usual couples, plus many we haven't seen there before. Taken in all Freshers' Welcome was the usual, bash, hash or dash that we have seen in 1899-1900-1901, 1902 (dear Jean, we are trying to make up our 200-300 words—Doris and Heather)—1947, and now in 1948 we take this opportunity to state that if Freshers show the same fortitude as they did on the dance floor on the night of March 5th last, they will go far in their College careers.

And Dash

The evening of Tuesday, 9th March, found the Women's Hockey Club gathered to welcome new players and to introduce them to the more seasoned members.

Last year's teams grouped round their captains in each corner of the room and vied with each other in displaying their dramatic talents in acting proverbs. (Imagine the most dignified person you know rolling on the floor! Name the proverb for yourself.) Competition became noisy when each team in turn had to sing (or shout) as many nursery rhymes as could be remembered or invented. Other team games followed in quick succession as the evening became more informal and more boisterous. After being refreshed by a good supper we resorted to community singing and gossip. We feel that this year's ice was efficiently broken by this party and we would like to thank Mrs. Illott very much for letting us hold it in her house.

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WORLD YOUTH WEEK

PROGRESS THROUGH UNITY

The third week in March is World Youth Week. Throughout the world youth organizations affiliated to the World Federation of Democratic Youth and the International Union of Students will be celebrating this week by holding special meetings and functions, by collecting money for World Student Relief, and by reviewing past activities and planning for the future.

Two main activities are to be held by our University in connection with World Youth Week. Firstly, a Youth Rally in the Blue Triangle Hall, and secondly, a Work Day for World Student Relief. Both should receive wide student support.

Previous International Youth Organizations

Perhaps the nearest approach to WFDY and IUS previously were the International Federation of Students and the Boy Scouts movement. The former, which disappeared in the war, was composed of students only, whereas WFDY organizes Christian, trade union, farming, political and student youth bodies. The Boy Scout movement is organized on quite different lines. It is mainly made up of boys from 11 to 16 or 17 whereas WFDY consists of people in approximately the 16 to 26 age group and of both sexes. The Scouts never took up the broad problems of youth, such as improved education and apprenticeship, dead-end jobs and youth unemployment, and bad working conditions and low pay, especially during slumps and in colonial countries. The Scout movement did organize large international gatherings which should have had a certain value in promoting peace but their value was completely lost as they failed to expose the

main-spring of the drive to war. In fact, with its national jingoism the Scout movement directs the energies of youth as an agent of imperialism, a fact well known to some of the reactionary politicians who work in leading position in the Scout movement.

Democratic Youth

"Through International Friendship and Reconstruction, Youth Helps to Build the Peace." This was the theme of the World Youth Festival held in Prague last summer by WFDY. Over 17,000 foreign youth and 65,000 Czechs participated in the festival. A vast, rich, varied programme of events was held during the festival—choirs and bands; drama and film festivals; ballet, puppet and open-air theatre; international sports tournaments; art exhibitions and dance contests. The young people who participated were able to share each other's cultural heritage and also to learn something of the problems and needs of youth

elsewhere, in a first-hand exchange of information and opinion on a scale that has never been seen in the past.

In the field of reconstruction the most outstanding part played by WFDY has been on the youth railway of Yugoslavia and the rebuilding of Lidice. The Yugoslav Youth Railway is 150 miles long, in Bosnia, in the very centre of Yugoslavia, and in one of its most mountainous regions. The experts said it would take two years to build. It was actually built, with only picks and shovels and enthusiasm, in 7½ months. Only a few older engineers and technicians were used and the line was built by 211,000 volunteers from the Yugoslav Youth movement and 6000 foreign youth. Only two New Zealanders visited the line so far as it known but quite a large team of Australians worked on the line the whole period. They returned at the end of January last. The first train ran over the line on November 16th, 1947.

WFDY has been very active in promoting the interests of youth. Over 30 commissions have been very active in promoting the interests of youth in various countries. A magnificent magazine "World Youth" is published in five languages—French, English,

Russian, Spanish and Polish. It organizes and assists international travel by young people. WFDY is the United Nations Organization of Youth and it is a pity that its wide work on behalf of youth is not better known in New Zealand.

International Union of Students

The organization and activities of IUS are now fairly well known. At the last council meeting in Prague, N.Z. University Students' Association was represented by John Ziman and he has written a 38-page report. This is being cyclostyled and all students should endeavour to obtain and read a copy of this report. In particular his remarks on our responsibilities in the financial field and in WSR, in view of our prosperity and high living standards, should be taken to heart.

New Zealand's Part

Twelve thousand miles from Europe, and twelve hundred miles from our nearest neighbour, we in New Zealand still have a part to play in the world youth movement. In student affairs particularly we have close links with Australia's NUAUS and with IUS. Our University can be proud that, together with the youth of Europe, Australia, India, Venezuela and many other countries we demonstrated vigorously at the opening of imperialist war against the Indonesian Republic. A photograph of our procession was published in "World Youth."

SOCIALIST CLUB

DISCUSSION—ACTION

Approximately fifty people attended the annual meeting of the Socialist Club on March 8th. The annual report presented by Gunter Warner revealed the intense club activity of the past year. The salient points were the Indonesian demonstration, which brought Victoria world fame, and defeated legal attacks on the rights of citizens to free assembly and expression of opinion. The Yugoslav clothes drives, film evenings and publications were also mentioned.

The election of officers resulted:—
Patron: Mr. F. L. Coombs.

Vice-presidents: Mr. Platts-Mills (British M.P. and ex-V.U.C. student), Mr. Martin Finlay, M.P., Mr. Toby Hill, Mr. A. H. Scotney.

President: Mr. Harry Evison.
Secretary: Conrad Bollinger.

Committee: Nell Casey, Oscar Melling, Harold Dowrick.
Building Com. Rep.: Gunter Warner.

Ron Smith then gave a full and interesting report as delegate from the club, on the Australasian Student Labour Federation in Melbourne in January. He revealed that the Labour and Socialist Clubs which exist in every Australian university play an extremely active part in student affairs. The conference considered that a united front type of labour club such as the V.U.S.C. which embraces all types of labour and socialist is preferable to a club with direct political affiliation.

The police bashing of students in the Indonesian demonstration in Sydney was outlined and the subsequent legal condemnation of the police in the Supreme Court was explained. A report on the decisions of the conference and plans for the future and an outline of the Melbourne tramway strike. Mr. Smith also commented on the Australian Financial Assistance scheme for travel concessions and urged our executive to take up these questions. The need for club members to take a lead in the union building campaign was emphasized.

The secretary read a letter to Mr. Platts-Mills, a British Labour M.P., and a previous Rhodes Scholar from Victoria congratulating him on his

consistent fight for Socialism and peace. This was signed by members present.

A resolution supporting the N.Z. Carpenters' Union and demanding the withdrawal of repressive emergency war legislation was carried.

Carpenters and Students

Mr. Molineux, President of the Wellington Carpenters' Union, was the guest speaker of the Socialist Club at a meeting on Wednesday, March 9th. Mr. Molineux, who was one of the union leaders who were recently heavily fined in the Courts, gave an outline of the present dispute in the building industry.

The speaker commenced by explaining events leading up to the dispute, showing how the decisions of the Arbitration Court have left the carpenters with a just grievance. Carpenters rates are 1½d. behind those of other sections of the building industry. After doing everything in their power to obtain an equitable settlement, the union had started a "go-slow" action, and such was the justness of their claim and the solidarity of their struggle that 95 per cent. of the master builders had capitulated, and were willing to pay the additional 1½d.

It was at this stage that the Government had entered the fight on the side of the employers. Leaders of the union throughout the country were prosecuted under wartime emergency legislation.

"The Labour Government can no longer be regarded as friends of the union movement," declared Mr. Molineux.

The role of the Arbitration Court in delaying and preventing the satisfaction of the workers' demands was then explained. The latest developments in the handling of the dispute over to the National Council of the Federation of Labour were also outlined.

The questions raised by students at the conclusion of the address showed a keen interest in the functions of the Arbitration Court and in the effect of industrial laws on the workers' struggles in New Zealand.

The Socialist Club is to be congratulated in its first function for 1948. It shows that the club is carrying out its objective of bringing students into contact with the Labour Movement and giving them an insight into the real forces operating in our society today.

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POSSIBLE SHORTAGE

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LAMBTON QUAY

At this early stage of the year, while the gorse is still growing on the hills, and freshers are still being reared, and before the usual struggle for power between right and left has reared its ugly head, I wish to suggest the following:—

PURGE . . .

1. Clean up the trophy case which contains a note written in 1941. This is not from Joe Stalin or Randolph Churchill, so presumably is not a trophy. Now we have "passed on" the wooden spoon this camouflage to hk's our former shame should no longer be necessary.

2. Clean up the library. The matter to which I particularly refer is the Science Room where there is a pile of books on a table, apparently left there since the Napier earthquake. They are both dirty and disgraceful. If they have any antiquarian value they should be presented to the Turnbull Library.

3. Do something drastic about people writing on notices on the notice-boards. This has proved very amusing but not very helpful.

4. Do something to brighten up the place. Replace the pictures in the men's common room. These consist at present of four, one of which is by Holbein and in Monochrome, and another of which is a Van Gogh in similar depressing colour. The other two prints, both by Gogh, would be quite attractive if their mounting was replaced by something white. At present they look as though they were dragged through the rubbish dump or the Town Hall before mounting. I realize that they were presented by the Carnegie, or the Rockefeller, or the Walter Nash Foundation for impoverished universities, but I don't think they would really mind if said pictures were hung in the cafeteria or some other similarly depressing place.

5. Something be done about the lighting in general, and in particular in the cloakroom, that den of Homo sapiens sed blindissimus. A good step forward has been made by the installation of fluorescent lighting in the Biology Dept.

6. The number of towels in the men's washroom be doubled, or those there should be replaced twice daily, whichever is more convenient.

In view of these suggestions I propose a campaign to "CLEAN UP VICTORIA" physically, if not mentally and morally.

7. In the confident belief that none of my suggestions will ever be acted upon, I sign myself,

"MOTHER OF TWENTY AND A BABY GIRL."

P.S.: (6) In view of Article 7 of this letter, I propose that THE GYMNASIUM BE BURNED DOWN ALSO.

(I am willing to amend this last statement to "Blow up the Gym" if some bright scion of the Chemistry or Physics Department will undertake the job.

M.O.T.A.A.B.G.

P.P.S.: In spite of the tone of this article, most of the suggestions are serious, and I think, warrant notice as being small ways in which the general atmosphere could be brightened up and made more worthy of a college such as Victoria. They would also help do away with this "glorified night school" feeling which seems to be so prevalent.

THE AUTHOR.

Fascism Explained

The two words "anti-fascist" and "progressive" are emotion-charged words. That does not mean that they are devoid of factual meaning however. They are both generic terms and thus their factual meaning is ill-defined. This article will show how wide but useful is their use.

First, "progressive circles" are those which contain people who see society in a constant state of change, usually with the faith that it is progressing from a worse form of social organization to a better. For half a dozen centuries this social and economic organization has been that of a steadily rising capitalism, i.e., "The means of production of distribution are in the possession of private owners who run them at their discretion, driven by the urge for profit and in accordance with the possibilities of making profit at a given time." This form of society has given rise to many anomalies which help to produce its overthrow. In order to keep their power the capitalists must organize their state into an economic, social and political system which will minimize the effects of "class struggle" and slow down or stop (they hope!) the crumbling of their position (i.e., they act in a "reactionary" way).

The system which it is hoped will accomplish this end is that now known generally as fascism. Let us quote from the Penguin Political Dictionary: "The social system aimed at by fascism is the corporate State. Fascism claims to be neither capitalist nor socialistic. It maintains private property but places its use under state control. Class struggle is rejected and industrial disputes are forbidden." Socialists, Social Democrats and Communists all oppose "fascism" as "reactionary." True progress is seen as a change over to a differences of belief and opinion are help in these "progressive circles" as to the pattern of change and the Socialist form of society. Whatever means to be used in achieving it, they are all agreed that they are anti-fascist.

F. M. in his jibes at Salient policy is confounding the two words "fascist" and "totalitarian." Many anti-fascists are not necessarily anti-totalitarian. A state which fully represents the people may be totalitarian without being oppressive. We would like to see F. M. prove at Friday night's debate that the present Czech Government is totalitarian without being representative of the Czech people. We think that if he can judge the recent activity in Czechoslovakia by the reports appearing in our daily papers he is doing a telepathic job.

Youth Meeting

On Thursday, March 18th, a rally is to be held in the Blue Triangle Hall in the Y.W.C.A. Building. Sponsored by the Students' Association Executive, this meeting is being held in conjunction with the Young People's Club, Teachers' Training College Students, Railway Workshops Apprentices' Club and other progressive youth organizations. The Rev. Martin Sullivan is to chair the meeting. One of the principal speakers will be Harold Dowrick, our President, who will speak on his recent visit to Australia and outline recent developments in the Australian and World Youth Movements.

Watch the notice board for details of this important meeting.



Lord Duffield inspecting one of the latest models coming off the assembly line at "Utopanella."

—from Cappicade 1947

Cappicade . . .

STUDENT COMIC CUTS

Following some valuable suggestions made in a report by last year's editors, Cappicade Committee is now on the job of organizing a bumper issue for 1948. In the past the perennial difficulty of getting students to write for Cappicade has driven despairing editors either to write it themselves or to borrow from elsewhere. But the 1948 committee is convinced that members of V.U.C. can accompany Extrav with a really "Varsity" magazine that is original, topical and entertaining to the 8,000 (at least of the public who buy it and spread it round Wellington. Their confidence goes to the extent of offering considerable material encouragement to all those who write for Cappicade.

This year we offer the following prizes: For the best original humorous short story, 1st prize £5; second prize 25/-. For the best humorous verse £2 and 10/-; for the best fake newspaper feature £5 and 25/-; for the best collection of snippets, jokes, definitions, etc. £2 and 10/-; consolation prizes may take the form of free tickets for Extrav.

HOW TO START

If you feel baffled by the fear-someness of writing something funny here are some further suggestions to work on.

Don't wait to be asked, but start thinking NOW. If you haven't any ideas, let things simmer and jot the idea down when inspiration flashes.

The easiest way to find something is to scan newspapers, magazines, etc., for an object to parody or "take-off" (Cappicade wants this sort of thing, particularly if it is of local and topical interest); you may even arrive at something highly original.

I.S.S. Workday

A work day organized by International Student Service in aid of World Student Relief is to be held on Saturday, March 20th. Keep this day clear to help the unfortunate students of war devastated Europe and China.

Full details are to be found in a special article in this issue.

Some practical ideas which could be filled out are: highlights from old Extrav, letters to the editor, "opinions" about Cappicade, diary of a doctor, etc. Fake photos of V.U.C. and Wellington.

Sufficient merit in any unusual entry will make them eligible at the decision of the committee for a special prize. This applies to suitable photos, cartoons and illustrations.

WHAT WE WANT

Cappicade Committee wants the best in humour and satire that V.U.C. can produce. We do not aim at copying the little Australasian pulp magazines which line the magazine stalls; Cappicade should be funny and original. Remember, it sells far more copies than any other Varsity publication, and can be the best piece of advertising that V.U.C. puts out in support of its cause in Wellington.

CLOSING DATE

For printing to be done on time we must close entries for prizes on Monday, April 5th. This gives contributors almost a week after Easter to write down what has been simmering in their minds. Early contributions will be appreciated however. They should be left in the Exec. Room. Further inquiries can be made from the committee: Joan Taylor, Marget McKenzie, Gordon McDonald, Jeff Stewart, Ian Laurenson (T.C.) and Alby Moore.

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8. P.M. SATURDAY NIGHTS

Shooting

The team to represent Victoria at Easter will be:—

D. V. Henderson
I. M. Henderson
J. V. T. Baker
G. Catley (Massey)
G. Cullinane
D. O'Sullivan
A. Howarth.

The shooting team is still a little sore at not having had some N.Z.U. blues awarded it last year and are determined that this year they will be successful in obtaining at least four. The prospects for Easter are bright. In Henderson, D. V., Victoria possesses a shot who must be included in any New Zealand team selected to shoot a musketry shoot. Henderson is without doubt the most brilliant shot ever produced by Victoria. Fourth in the final fifty at the N.R.A., Henderson finished 8th in the Ross Carbine Belt series. Baker also was in the prize money at the N.R.A. shoot and is a shot of more than average ability. Catley is shooting as well as ever and will be of great assistance to the team. Cullinane and O'Sullivan have not yet fired enough practices to enable a real estimate of their form to be gathered but each of them appears to be a potentially good team member. I. M. Henderson has also shown some of the form already associated with his brother and can be expected to perform well. Howarth after a shaky start this season appears to be coming right and has returned scores well above the blues standard. Altogether we feel confident and feel that in addition to having shots of above average ability we also have a fair amount of that match-winning attribute, experience.

Athletics

Although the Athletic Club have not chosen their representatives for Tournament yet, we have some notes on the star performers of the club. They are:—

A. Marshall, former national titleholder in a field event, and present Wellington titleholder for the shot put, discus and hammer throw.

B. Pohlen, first mile walk Easter Tournament 1947, second in mile and three mile walks, Wellington Provincial Champs 1948, holder of mile and three mile walk titles at Wellington Provincial Champs 1947, and on Saturday 28th February, 1948, he walked 880 yards in 3min 2sec, which is 2-5 sec outside the New Zealand record. Also N.Z.U. Blue 1947.

C. Hawke, better known as a harrier, 3rd N.Z.U. cross country championships 1947. In athletics he was third in the mile at the Wellington Provincial Championships 1948 and his time would be about 4min 30sec.

Swimming

The swimming team this year gives no indication that it will be stronger than in former years, although the water polo team is good.

This year we have two very valuable swimmers in Rowe and P. Fleschle, present University, 100 yards and record holder. If we can hold these men in face of claims from Otago and Auckland respectively, our team will be considerably strengthened.

Lee Piper our 220 breaststroke entrant should swim well in this event—he gained second place last year. He is also a starter in the medley.

Des Dowse present 220 University champ at breaststroke looks as though he will retain his title. Both he and Piper will be forming the nucleus of a strong polo team.

Ken Staples our most versatile swimmer will once again be competing, and he with Pat Anderson, our long distance man, will prove to be two more good polo men.

T. Gebble—exclusively water polo

—is strong. He will be playing in goal, and those who have seen his performances will realize what an asset he is.

P. Tarrant is the final selection of our water polo side, he is good also. In the women's team, we have three out of five selected. Firstly is Nannette Broom who swims consistently well and is our only hope in the 50 and 100 yards freestyle.

We are particularly strong in the breaststroke division, with Bice Young and Jeanette Murray—either of these two should win the 100 yards breaststroke.

It will be seen that our hopes are based on breaststroke swimmers and the water polo team.



Cricket

This Easter, at Dunedin, the first cricket contest between the four University Colleges will be held, although there have been informal fixtures in the past such as the 1947 North v. South fixture. Canterbury is the only college of the four who do not field a senior team in their local competition and they are competing this year under special privileges. Among ourselves there were some misgivings about this scheme on the score that it was being played at the wrong time of the year, would prejudice the interests of our ex-student members and produce a low standard of cricket. These points were debated at a special meeting in December, which decided to give the scheme a trial and to play a limited number of ex-students until a permanent constitution could be worked out in Dunedin.

In the first round of this tournament we are due to play Auckland at Kelburn Park on the 23rd and 24th of March, and we invite all students to an interesting game. At the same time Otago will play Canterbury. The final will comprise games between winners and between losers of these two matches.

Our team is not yet finalized but will be drawn from the following players: Tom Larkin (captain of this year's seniors), John Oakley (played for Wellington against M.C.C. last season), Bob Vance (played for Wellington Colts and for Wellington against Fiji), Peter Wilson, Lou Cornish, Harold Lewis, Peter Sim. All these players are from the senior team. The seconds provide four batsmen with good scores to their credit this season in Cathel McLeod, Cam Gajadhar, Colin Colbert, Dick Wilde, while John Murray and Roy O'Connor have been useful bowlers.

Next issue will contain a review of our season's activities.

We again remind those intending to play to contact Bill Treadwell (a note in the rack, or ring Weir House) and to appear at the nets on Kelburn Park, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, 5 to 7 p.m. There are two club Saturdays left (13th and 20th) and a friendly game at Easter if enough offer. A G.M. is not until September, so enrol now and have a flying start next season.

The 1948 tournament basketball team is showing promise with fairly reasonable chances of success at Easter. The following twelve girls were selected from the twenty eligible players who came to trials.

June Scott who made the Intermediate Reps. last year and also the Wellington under twenty team.

Audrey Cook (vice captain) has

changed from centre to defence this year and intercepts well.

Miriam Drain was picked for the second grade reps. last year. Has flashes of brilliance—we hope she has one at Easter.

Alison Richardson, a newcomer from T.C. who will be an asset to the defence.

Shirley Cole (V.U.C. Blue 1946) is quick, nimble and indispensable in the centre.

Kath Martin was also picked for the rep. trials last year, and always seems to be there at the right time.

Joan Nankervis is a centre with plenty of dash from last year's second team.

Pam Hildreth is a helpful centre and combines well with the others.

Lance Colquhoun is small and speedy and has been doing some good shooting lately.

Gay Nimmo (V.U.C. Blue 1947) captain of the team and a useful member of the forwards.

Su Ferguson was picked for the 1947 rep. trials, and is useful in field work as well as shooting.

Mary Cook another newcomer and just what we've been needing in the forwards.

Tramping Memorial

In the last issue of Salient we described the Tramping Club's plans for the erection of a hut in the Tauherenikau Valley as a memorial to Stanley Allaway and Roy Dickson of this College who lost their lives in a tragic accident on the Neumann Range on New Year's Day, 1947. Many students of this college will well remember these two excellent boys who took a keen and active interest in many aspects of student life.

Several enthusiasts have spent the last four weekends on the hut site which is now cleared, but these few cannot do all the work. They have erected the four corner posts and from now on the hut will begin to take shape. The project is well beyond the preliminary stages and we would draw the attention of trampers, would-be trampers and even non-trampers to the following points.

1. Trampers: Most of you will have known Stan and Roy and should therefore have the necessary sentimental stimulus to help with the work. Besides, you will derive obvious advantages from the completed building. Do you want to come to the opening bash with the nasty feeling that you personally have done little or nothing towards this hut?

2. Would-be trampers: Freshers and others who have not had experience in the hills or the bush, this is your ideal chance. The Tauherenikau Valley is as beautiful as any in the Wellington province, providing unparalleled views of unbroken bush-clad mountains, grassy flats for camping and salubrious, a fine river

with magnificent swimming good hunting and fishing (last week's working party venison and juicy eel) and other attractions. The cor has cancelled all other trips ing those too difficult for be. There will be a working trip hut site every weekend for son At this time of the year you need specialized gear and trip will be happy to assist in this Beginners who come on these ing parties will learn how after themselves in the back and at the same time provide ful service for themselves and future student trampers for y come.

3. Non-trampers: There are botanists and others to who hut will be of great benefit. assistance both in collectin donating funds and in atte on working parties will be mo come.

4. Everybody: We need and work. You and each of y provide these, and in return y derive personal satisfaction pleasure for years to come. imagine that your contribution be insignificant. Add your n the list of volunteers for v parties on the notice board.

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MOTION OF NO-CONFIDENCE IN THE EXECUTIVE.

STUDENTS:

Some of you may not have read the papers and you may wonder what this is all about.

Summarised, the position is this.

At last Friday night's meeting of the debating society, two motions were passed:

1. That "The present Czech Government is not based on democratic principles"; and
2. That "A communication be sent to the Democratic Students' of Prague University expressing profound sympathy in the death of your great democratic statesman, Dr. Masaryk, in this time of trial for your country".

This required the approval of the Executive of the Students' Association.

Approval was given for the communication, but the Executive then passed a motion that a letter be sent to Prime Minister Mr. Gottwald, "congratulating Mr. Gottwald on the triumph of democracy in Czechoslovakia."

You will note that the Executive passed the last motion - with four dissentients - on behalf of the student body - on behalf of you - which means that they consider YOU are in favour of the present Communist regime in Czechoslovakia.

This serious action by the Executive leaves no course for democratically minded students to follow but to move a motion of no-confidence in the Executive and expressing disapproval of the contents of the communication to Mr. Gottwald.

NOW THIS IS WHERE YOU COME IN.

The meeting will be held in the Gymnasium or in Room C.3 on next Monday night, March 22, at 8 p.m.

BE THERE AND BE EARLY.

Absence through apathy means that you approve of helping the Executive to put another nail in the coffin of democracy in Czechoslovakia. Let us issue a warning to you who may be apathetic.

The question vitally concerns YOU, your future as a student, the future of our country and the future of democratically minded

people throughout the world. We do not contend our own system is perfect, but we do consider it is infinitely better than the curse of communist dictatorship.

Let us emphasise that as each bastion of democracy falls, the time draws nearer when the devotees of the vile system, dressed up in the garb of humanitarianism and anti-Fascism - Fascism having come to mean anything opposed to Communism - could cripple this country; when it could happen that you would be forced not only into a mental straight-jacket like the Communist himself, but also into a physical straight-jacket from which there would be no escape, no appeal and no hope.....

This University has a coterie of such representatives prepared to sell you to this diabolical system.

Are you prepared to do something about it?

Are you prepared to show that at least the light of democracy and freedom glows in this University and that you do not approve of that abysmal thuggery of purges, of foreign domination, terror, and denial of freedom that exists today in Czechoslovakia?

So be at the meeting early.

We are dealing with masters in organisation who will stop at nothing to gain their ends.

But we are sure that if the student body stirs itself from its complacency that it can end for all time the danger of the communist cancer in our University and help the community along the path of true progress instead of towards the slavery offered by our opponents.

Do not be dismayed at the prospect of voting your executive out of office. The machinery exists to maintain continuity of administration.

ISSUED ON BEHALF OF THE 26 STUDENTS REQUESTING MOTION OF NO-CONFIDENCE.
