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Consternation crowded the impecunious corridors of W.T.T.C. on July 1. Their students had come in a block to support the motion that the Stud. Ass. fee for T.C. students attending Varsity be reduced from 27/6 to £1. This dark horse motion took up most of the otherwise uninteresting 1948 A.G.M. Unfortunately, the local boys moved faster and with more effect, led by Mr. McArley and Mr. Milburn (that fine speaker for whose eloquence Salient predicts a great future in the Salvation Army). T.C. students were appalled at the spectacle of a motion turned inside out, they may now, if the Prof. Board passes it, have to pay 32/6 like anybody else.

The 1948 A.G.M. got bogged down completely in the minor issues; nothing important had an adequate discussion. Typically, the meeting which wasted an emotional hour raising fees 5/- could stand being reminded of others' hunger and poverty and their own obligations to I.S.S. for only ten minutes. Then, a premature motion unavoidably closed the discussion.

Mr. O'Brien's icy comment on this beautiful example of intelligence was a few degrees warmer than his remarks on those humorists who said "No" to the I.S.S. motion.

Mr. O'Brien failed to comment that the hall was fully adequate to hold that 10 per cent. of the students interested enough to attend at all.

Money, Money . . .

With all the talk of hardship which was to follow, Mr. O'Brien was tactless in explaining the mooted building fund appeal so early. Had he foreseen this, he wouldn't have stated "Most students are comparatively well off" or that they could "request their friends and relatives" to raise the £5, which everyone will be asked to give. He gave few details on the sub-committee's scheme, but part of lecture time and part of Extrav. profits may be used for publicity. An anonymous student has given £100 (cries of "it wasn't me."). He, fairly, pointed out that the Lord (and the Wellington public) helps those who help themselves. The aim is £10,000 and that is, he said, "a considerable amount of money."

The overheads in Extrav. refreshment costs were deplored by Mr. Dowrick, who blamed the Interval Entertainers — the bludgers. He (again) congratulated the Exec. on its arrangements for Extrav., but thought that said Interval Entertainers needed attention—instancing the motor-bike in the dress circle and the lady who encountered it last year. Apparently considering the audience large enough, Mr. Dowrick then formally handed over £2/2/4 plus 1/- a year interest, from the 1945 Common Room Committee fund. "I have the interests of the Association still at heart."

All fees next year are to be extracted before we start. This has already been in the press, but Mr. Taylor rocked the meeting by reminding them of it. It affects only non-bursary types who will have to shell out smartly without time to make up their minds. The Council's reasons are (a) this works well in A.U.C.—denied by one of their ex-students, "their queues are as long as ours." (interjection, "How curious"); (b) the college lacked the staff. (Mr. Dowrick: "I have heard the office staff is retiring, but surely it will be replaced."). Apparently the Exec. knew no more than anyone else about it. Objections to the new scheme came thick and fast. The fees go up in Psych. and Geography which are becoming scientific subjects. Mr. McLeod failed to see how enrolling early would shorten the queues and without a show of hands the new Exec. was advised to keep an eye on this situation.



"I never know what I say from one moment to the next."

T.C. Motion

Mr. Halliday, for T.C. was rather less confident after he spoke, than before. With becoming modesty, he apologized for the trifling amounts to be considered after the accounts (just discussed). He wished to make them more trifling—7/6 more trifling. Had he stuck to his argument on overlapping facilities, he might have got somewhere. His plea of small salaries and huge expenses met a sharp parry from Mr. McArley, who pointed out the greater hardship of Law and Accountancy juniors. "The onus is on T.C. to prove their hardship." And he gave the coup de grace by amending the motion to 32/6. His seconder Mr. Milburn, (ff and agitato), "T.C. students do justice to our cafe," he thundered. "They are well paid for the time they put in." "I second the motion" (finale sotto voce).

A logical quibble arose over whether an amendment raising fees

wasn't out of order by negating the motion, but the chairman allowed it. Mr. Taylor, continuing, said: "I support Mr. McArley for the first time in my life." Mr. Neuberg made a valiant, if not always valid, argument for T.C., to a meeting very much against him.

Mr. Dowrick was twice foiled in his attempts to have Mr. McLeod ruled out of order, on the inadmissibility of hearsay and conjecture in

evidence. Being under discussion, Mr. Milburn, helped in this effort by allowing himself to be quoted: "Though I never know what I say from one moment to the next." This was followed by a sombre portrait of the typical student—hard up, working night and day, shelling out in all directions (painted by that renowned verbal artist, Mr. O'Connor)—which was lost in the flurry when Mr. McLeod moved that the chairman's action in allowing the amendment be disagreed with; no logicians guided the now emotive meeting and another show of hands supported Mr. O'Brien, quickly followed by another to carry the amendment (110-63). Though a compromise motion (Mr. Evison's) was introduced, the meeting was in no mood for rational thinking—"Be damned to them," said Mr. Dowrick (quoting, of course)—after all and sundry, and Mr. Milburn had spoken, the compromise failed (another show of hands) and the McArley motion put through, 103-54 on a show of hands—subject, as the chairman explained—to the Prof. Board's O.K.

Affairs after this were pedestrian. The proposed co-operative Extrav. for 1949 was mentioned half-heartedly, except by Mr. Stewart who wanted to know "how many old, antique students there are available?"—Mr. Taylor and Mr. Dowrick also ran.

Mr. Battersby introduced the I.S.S. motion and with Mr. McLeod, deplored the incomprehensible apathy of V.U.C. students; as the latter said, "the number actively helping declines each year." But perhaps Mr. Neuberg's account of the help he had received, and his appeal, were too much for someone's conscience; the motion was put and carried—a virtual closure before it had been discussed. Mr. O'Brien was properly disgusted at the "facetiousness" which had crept in.

Probably this upset the meeting, because Mr. Smith on tram fares (see "Dominion," July 1st) claimed little attention. As Mr. Howarth put it, "I am more concerned with riding on a tram than with paying for it." Indeed, the bursary recommendations (see previous Salient) got through without a show of hands.

Mr. Dowrick turns on an excellent show. He excelled himself though in a speech which was the highlight of the meeting. In fine Churchillian phrase ("The hour is not yet late!" he assured the meeting), he portrayed the stability given to the governments of the Empire by the Royal Family "which goes marching on from generation to generation. It is good for our children, our grandchildren, our—but you understand the process to which I refer."

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REPORT ON THE PRAGUE CONFERENCE

The Executive invites all students and friends to hear a report by their representative, Miss Rona Bailey, on the 1947 world youth conference at Prague. This is a valuable opportunity to hear first hand information on student affairs of world interest.

Time: 8 p.m., Friday, 23rd July.
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GENTLEMEN . . .

"Unused as I am to public speaking, I am glad to propose to you the first toast of 1948. I see before me on the table tonight a wing, prettily prepared and served, and I feel that we are about to enjoy a mighty fine feast. I would like to say something of this limb, and I trust that my words will do much to lighten both your appetites and the mental burden which we have all carried too long.

"This Wing, and it is a Left Wing, has contributed most to rocking the bird in the past. From time to time it has wafted foul air over any dignitary from Queen Wilhelmina to Sir Thomas Hunter, and no burgher of our fair city has yet tarried and failed to sense the icy gust up his mayoral robes. Every student of Victoria College from Kampus Katie to Spotty Sue knows about it, and while some would minister to its ills, I guess there are others who would happily arrange its dissection.

"I don't know who first noticed it. It probably appeared in the mid-thirties, but was really apparent with the first issue of Salient in 1938. By 1940 it was the dominant influence in the University life. There seemed to be some development of social and academic ideas in the University at the same time, but I suppose that sort of thing is always going on. In 1947 the Students' Executive passed under the shadow of the Wing, and before you could say Ceccarelli, they were all hypnotized and sending telegrams to General Franco and Mr. Gottwald.

"Now this is where the funny thing happened. Although such a lot of people were living in the shade of the Wing in 1940, many of them had started to wander, and when "The Truth About Our Executive" came out in 1948, they all started running about wildly, and, of course, a lot of them saw the light. The poor old Left Wing just didn't have a chance.

"In the months that passed the Wing hovered between life and death, but with the Socialist Club to support it, some of those in the sunshine wandered back into the dark and were lost again. Things certainly looked better for the Wing by the time of the Annual General Meeting of the Students' Association in June, and all the supporters of the Wing gathered in the College Gymnasium in case they could be of any use.

"Well, nothing happened for a while, and then someone moved a motion about lowering the Training College Students' V.U.C. Stud. Ass. fees. These people in the shade always had odd ideas about the equality of different things, and we all expected to hear the Wing start flapping on the spot. You see, these supporters always held that the Training College and the University were really the same kind of institutions and that the two student associations did exactly the same things, and that it was silly for students of both places to pay both Stud. Ass. fees. And some even suggested that the Training College would one day be part of the University when all that character training stuff was done by the secondary schools.

"If there was any plan, things didn't go accordingly, for the first guy to stand up moves that this fee be raised instead. And then another rises and says, 'This is what I've been waiting for,' and throws the whole meeting into confusion. When all had been said, the only effective voting was done by the Training College students who had come along to lend a hand and who seemed to regard any advance as a personal gain and not a general move towards closer unity of the two associations. And they were fairly isolated, too.

"And then there was another little motion about letting the ex-students run the Extrav. next year. I had sort of figured out myself that Extrav. was one of those things about the college that belonged to the students of the day, and that it is just as important to the social life of many as the practicals are to the Zoo class, and that the activities of song and script writing, producing, organizing, and acting should be left alone, jubilee or no jubilee. But only one person got a word in before the closure was applied—that after the Exec. had issued a sheet to enhance 'free discussion.'

"I certainly thought that the students who move around the place would be in there, but I don't think any of them noticed it. They will next year, of course, but it will be a little late by then.

"So, that's where I thought the Wing would show up this A.G.M. I suppose our problems have become so complex that unity of thought is quite impossible, and I guess that's a good thing too.

"All these events gave me the idea of this dinner, and that brings me back to the Wing. It sure looks a tasty piece of chicken. "Gentlemen, I give you my toast—Rigor Mortis!"

B.M.

Let's Dance!

Dear Sir,—On June 26th, the Social Committee held a tea-dance in the gym and catered for 100 people. Forty attended it. This sort of thing cannot go on. Besides being financially a loss, it is not worthwhile for those arranging it to spend the time for so few people to enjoy themselves. Poor attendance shows either that the students have no time to patronize such functions or just have no interest in them.

There is a lot of mud slung at the Social Committee but just what do the students expect of it? As far as the Social Committee is concerned, they are prepared to arrange any social function that the students wish, provided that good attendances are guaranteed. If, however, it is the students' wish that there should be no social gatherings then the Social Committee no longer serves a useful purpose and it might as well not exist.

To get some idea of the general opinion concerning dances, the Social Committee would appreciate it if the various clubs would consult their members and through the columns of this paper make known their wishes and suggestions. The Social Committee would like to know if people would welcome "coffee dances" a la Canterbury Coll. on a Friday night, or "bob hops" from 8-12 on Saturday night or nothing at all.

The motto of the Social Committee is—"If you'll do your bit, we'll do ours."—Thank you.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE.

Why Specialize?

Sir,—I read in your columns a plea for an initial year's general course. I consider that any further move to prevent specialization would be contrary to the best interests of the students.

Already the regulations for Stage I make it obligatory for a student to take four subjects. Previously at secondary school the student will have studied "Social Studies" and "General Science," both subjects being designed to give a general outlook. If the secondary schools fail it is because the student does not see the relevance to his interests. Can a university course be expected to be more successful?

Secondly, time is valuable to youth and this measure would delay the youth's graduation for a year. For many students economic incentives make it desirable that they should graduate young.

All men have special abilities and other studies lack interest for them. Cultivation of their interest gives life and interest to their study so this specialization should be encouraged. A. N. Whitehead in his "Aims of Education" (1916) deals with this aspect.

Finally it is to be doubted whether agreement on the content of a general course could be reached. It is certain that external political, religious and other groups would be very interested and bring pressure to orientate the course along certain lines.

J. R. JACKSON.

In a Dither!

Dear Sir,—A voice cries into the wilderness, "What shall we do with our little bundles?"

Is the cemetery to be no longer a place where the bludger can have his little treasure hunt, nor can the more honest of us hide our booty in safety? It is time the Stud. Ass. served the students, in putting a stop to the desecration of the Dead Centre of Kelburn. It is suggested that the ISS be requested to organize a working bee to plant shrubs and hedges, tastefully disposed to suit best the needs of the students.

TWYCE SHY.

Election Booths

Dear Sir,—The word Democracy has been bandied about this college for some considerable time, but it is patently obvious that there is no practical application of the elementary principles of the democratic system in this university, as far as elections are concerned.

In the past year we have had two elections in the college and both have resembled either a scout bun-fight or a Bible Class tea rather than an election. We have seen a milling crowd, fighting around a solitary table in the main hall, as though they were after free ice creams. We have seen innocent students attempting to fill in ballot papers with the invaluable help of representatives of Marshal Stalin, President Truman, and His Holiness the Pope.

It would take very little trouble to erect temporary booths in the gym, where a student might be able to vote in peace, in communion with his God. All we ask then is some sort of system that will replace the present primitive method of electing one's representatives to that most honoured of positions!

UP THE BARRICADES.

Let There Be Light

Dear Sir,—The Biology Block has as many lights—fluorescent, of course—as it has square yards of sound deadening floor covering and window space. As I recall it this same block once had ordinary lighting, much better than any other part of the college but still ordinary lighting.

Now will someone please explain to me why it is that the rest of the college has to endure such outmoded, inefficient and inadequate lighting as it does? If the lighting can be improved in the Biology Block why not throughout the college?

If there must be economy about the college then let it be a neglected law, let the present overcrowded Caf continue, but at least save us from glasses and eyestrain.

At the beginning of the year Mother of Ten had some suggestions published in Salient, most of which were either ignored or forgotten or not noticed. Perhaps Salient could persuade the powers-that-be—if they be—that working in poor light is not a good thing.

"IN THE DARK."

Axe the Exec.

Sir,—In Schedule 3 of the V.U.C. Students' Association Constitution (Conduct of Elections), Article 40 states as follows:—

"No member of the Association shall on the day of the poll or election,

(a) In any way interfere with any elector either in the polling booth or on the way thereto with the intention of influencing him or advising him as to his vote.

(b) Print, distribute, or deliver to any person, or exhibit or place in or on any conspicuous part of the college anything having thereon any matter likely to influence any vote."

During the recent executive elections it came to my notice that photographs of candidates were placed, by person or persons unknown, in the glass shrine in the main college hall.

Though I doubted at the time that this would have any effect on the result of the elections, I have now, as a successful candidate, revised my former opinion. Surely this serious affront to the freedom of elections, imparting as it must have done, a strong prejudice in the minds of the electors, must be deplored by all freedom-loving students, especially when we read that in elections in certain districts in Czechoslovakia during the recent communist coup d'état, photographs were used instead of ballot papers.

It is clear that our recent elections must be declared invalid, and a caretaker Exec. be set up immediately in toto.

H. C. EVISON.

New Zealand Literature

Three further meetings of this group sponsored by the V.U.C. Literary Group have been successfully held. At the first of these Bill Shires spoke on four Auckland writers. Of these R. A. K. Mason had been previously discussed at length last year and Frank Sargeson is to be the subject on a future occasion, hence these two were dismissed rather more summarily than were Alan Mulgan and A. R. D. Fairburn. Various examples of the work of all four were read and the speaker offered some well-considered critical appreciations. A number of opinions were exchanged but as is usual no very final opinion was reached as to their relative merits. *Fia*.....

A small attendance appeared to find much of interest in the works of Arnold Cork, Geoffrey Pollett, and Count Geoffrey Wladislaw Vaile Potocki de Montalk, Prince Potocki, Pretender to the Throne of Poland. Tony Murray-Oliver read numerous extracts and supplied such biographical details as are available concerning these lesser-known poets. Arnold Grierson Cork produced one book, "Green Wood—White Wood," in the nineteen-thirties, containing the greater part of his work previously published in magazines and newspapers. This was reviewed in Salient ten years ago, and much of the criticism then expressed seems still valid—namely, that while the collection as a whole does not reach the heights of certain poems, the latter were worthy of a much wider audience and should be considered by all interested in New Zealand verse.

In his use of both words and rhythm, Arnold Cork shows much skill, but his work reflects the New Zealand scene with little validity. Geoffrey Pollett was a young Englishman who spent some years in New Zealand in the years of the depression and had a considerable amount of slight but promising verse published, although his only book was "Song for Sixpence," published in England after his return there. It is a delightful and amusing account of his experiences peddling his poems as broadsheets from door to door. His unfortunate death occurred shortly afterwards, depriving us of a writer who might have attained some stature.

The dashing Count, who dedicated to "my friend and fellow-poet," A. R. D. Fairburn, his first book of verse, "Wild Oats," is the most colourful figure presented by New Zealand to the world of letters. Colourful may aptly be applied not only to his personality, as to his writings, but also to his dress, for on his frequent appearances in London police courts he was clad in a wine-red cloak and sandals. One of his trials on a charge of publishing an obscene libel has become of some importance in the annals of literary censorship. Accompanied by his mistress, he attained further notoriety in London by his quarrels with well-known authors such as the Woolfs. His own literary works were considered to be of less interest than his personal career. In support of his claim to the Polish crown, he published a periodical, "The Right Review," until the outbreak of war.

At the latest meeting, some of those present offered passages of their own selection from New Zealand writers and a wide range was covered. It was noteworthy that Douglas Stewart's poems were not received so favourably as was a passage from Samuel Butler's "A First Year in Canterbury Settlement." The excellent prose gained by being read aloud and it was interesting to find that Darcy Cresswell's "Present Without Leave" did not suffer at all unfavourably from being read by comparison with Butler. This was undoubtedly the highlight of the evening, which would have been more spirited had more

Whereas the Well Digger's Daughter may not be able to compete with the splendour, however artificial, of contemporary American, and to a lesser degree British, productions as a spectacle, it undoubtedly presents a refreshingly new technique in film making.

This technique may not become obvious to those not possessed of any photographic knowledge as it manifests itself not so much in the scenario and oral presentation, but in the method of behind the scene production.

The script is spoken entirely in French, which while tending to confuse some, with all due respect, gives a much better effect than garbled English passed off as French in an endeavour to convey the idea intelligibly as well as realistically.

Whilst the use of French throughout gives the desired realism, many have expressed the opinion that the script appearing in writing on the screen would tend to divert one's attention from the pictorial sequence. But I found that one could regard the film concentrating little or no on the script and be deluded into imagining

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that one could actually understand what was being spoken without having to juggle one's intelligence between script and screen.

The producer chose to direct the theme along the well tried girl-meets-boy principle employing the usual irrevocable repercussions and melodramatic partings and reconciliations.

The film may appeal to a certain social strata who would seem, at least from the number of undesired births they produce, to conduct their erotic relations on a hit and miss basis, as a graphic example of the inefficiency of present-day contraceptives. However, apart from a certain unintended amusement value the film was a flop, in as far as although the impression of French peasantry was excellent, the players were merely required to blunder along in their accustomed manner. If, however, American players were required to produce the same effect, they would immediately be at the disadvantage of being obliged to render their lives in a pseudo-Flemish accent liberally polluted with the indescribable nasal noises peculiar to them. Regarding the film with as a technical bias as my limited technology will permit, I should say that it was horribly over-exposed, which effect was permissible in portraying a glaring summer's day but was rather incongruous within the confines of a dimly lit peasant hovel almost devoid of windows.

Another aspect of this, was that the heroine was given an almost ethereal appearance which seemed to imply that she was either an albino or had inadvertently splashed a little more peroxide on her hair than usual. The poor photography can be perhaps offset by one shot in particular in which the over-exposure constituted a distinct advantage. This portrayed a large backside thrust in sweaty abandon at the camera as the owner vainly tried to crank a broken-down old car, which in itself constituted a change from the usual run of flashy movie-cars.

In short, the film was a hotch-potch of poor acting, where acting became evident, rendered tolerable only by the following scene. This portrayed the father of the sinful adolescent, as the advocates of propriety would probably dub the daughter, making a peace making speech framed between the contours of his daughter, and the capacious paunch of her father-in-law.

selections been brought for reading. The group meets every other Thursday evening, at 8 p.m., to discuss various aspects of New Zealand literature and all those interested are most cordially invited to be present. Notices are posted in advance of the meetings, which are held in Tony Murray-Oliver's flat, at St. Leonards, 184 Willis Street (between Dixon and Ghuznee Streets).

Monsieur Verdoux—the major work of one of the supreme artists of our time, has evoked in America a bitter spate of hostility . . . Never has Chaplin been forgiven for his retention, despite long residence in Hollywood, of British nationality, and for his espousal of progressive causes. The venal writers and broadcasters of the American-directed press and radio have striven to decry "Monsieur Verdoux" as dull—which it certainly is not—as "poor entertainment" (the last word of abuse in the vocabulary of the show business). Opposition has extended even as far as sabotage of projection, light or sound reproduction, at key runs.

Even at his trial, after he has been convicted of murder, Verdoux makes no excuse for, nor justification of his murders. But what he says

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about the relative nature of good and evil is of the utmost importance. At one sweep he demolishes the myth of absolute standards set up by society and religion. In the condemned cell he confounds a bewildered reporter, who is looking for a story with a moral, by stating that his only crime was that his murders had not the sanctification of numbers. Perhaps, if Verdoux had been a mercenary general with thousands of deaths to his credit, he would have been a national hero.

Verdoux is a charming, industrious little man who avoids treading on caterpillars and feeds starving kittens. His victims are not depicted as people who should be murdered. They are quite pleasant or neutral characters (except perhaps Martha Raye—but then he never succeeds in killing her). Perhaps it is an attempt to blacken Verdoux's character that the scene has been cut in which his first wife, who he supports by killing others, is killed in an accident. The implication of this cut is that he killed his crippled wife and child.

Unfortunately the real meat of Chaplin's idea is much too concentrated. The final scenes of the film are crowded with many statements, all of which cannot be understood in full implication without a great deal of thought.

Hamlet

A reading of Hamlet was presented on Friday evening at Training College Hall by a group from the Drama Club and Nat Beatus, an ex-T.C. student. There was a reasonably large audience.

Nat took the part of Hamlet and it was obvious that he carried the play on his own shoulders. The part of the king was taken by Klaus Neuberger and although his part was not easy he managed to make it convincing. These were the two outstanding parts and the readers' obvious understanding and convincing portrayal overshadowed the other inexperienced readers considerably. The other players either misunderstood their parts or had not bothered to take the interest to read them over beforehand.

The audience was almost visibly trying to push the play ahead at times and this was rather harassing when listeners wished to appreciate a good portrayal of a Shakespearean play. Nat managed to save the day in many places and this reading of Hamlet was made well worth while if only to hear the part of Hamlet himself.

Heart disease is America's No. 1 killer, says a press article. Hearst disease, surely.

Women And Our Town

At the Unity Theatre on Sunday, 21st June, a packed house received most enthusiastically the first act of Thornton Wilder's "Our Town," and five scenes from Clare Luce's "The Women." Both these plays demand skilled handling and in the main they got it, despite some weaknesses. The unorthodox approach used by Thornton Wilder makes it difficult to attain the atmosphere for which he strives but this was most successfully achieved—partly due to Unity being so essentially a theatre in time.

The play leaves much to the imagination and it is a tribute to the players that they so brilliantly succeeded in stimulating the imagination of the audience. One saw the breakfast porridge being unmistakably stirred, although there was no actual porridge, no range, no kitchen even. The "juvenile" leads were as praiseworthy as their "parents" in equally difficult parts. The American idiom was well translated and Wilder's simple sincerity has a timeless appeal; the editor of the small-town paper was outstandingly convincing. It would be invidious to single out other individual performances when all were so good, but the exceedingly difficult part of the narrator was very well attempted indeed.

The lack of physical scenery would at first seem to make "Our Town" a producer's dream of delight, but it could equally well be a nightmare. If it were the latter in the case of Unity, the finished production showed no sign of it. In "The Women," too, settings were of the simplest and most happily focussed attention upon the acting. It was noticeable that, both plays being American, some of the casts assumed appropriate accents while others did not attempt to do so. The results seemed to show that those who had sufficient confidence to do so were wise in their decision while it is equally probable that the others were as wise, if they feared failure in this respect only.

"The Women" is so sophisticated a play, so slick, and so swift-moving that in advance one doubted the wisdom of a small amateur company attempting it. Thus, as in the case to some extent with "Our Town" also, one arrived prejudiced in favour of being critical. So that to be happily surprised was all the more a mark of the merit of the productions. Once only did "The Women" seem a little to drag—perhaps a little more cutting would have been wise—but the audience was kept almost constantly in hilarious laughter as the witty dialogue cut tautly across the stage, with its undercurrent of tension. The woman writer in particular was played to perfection.

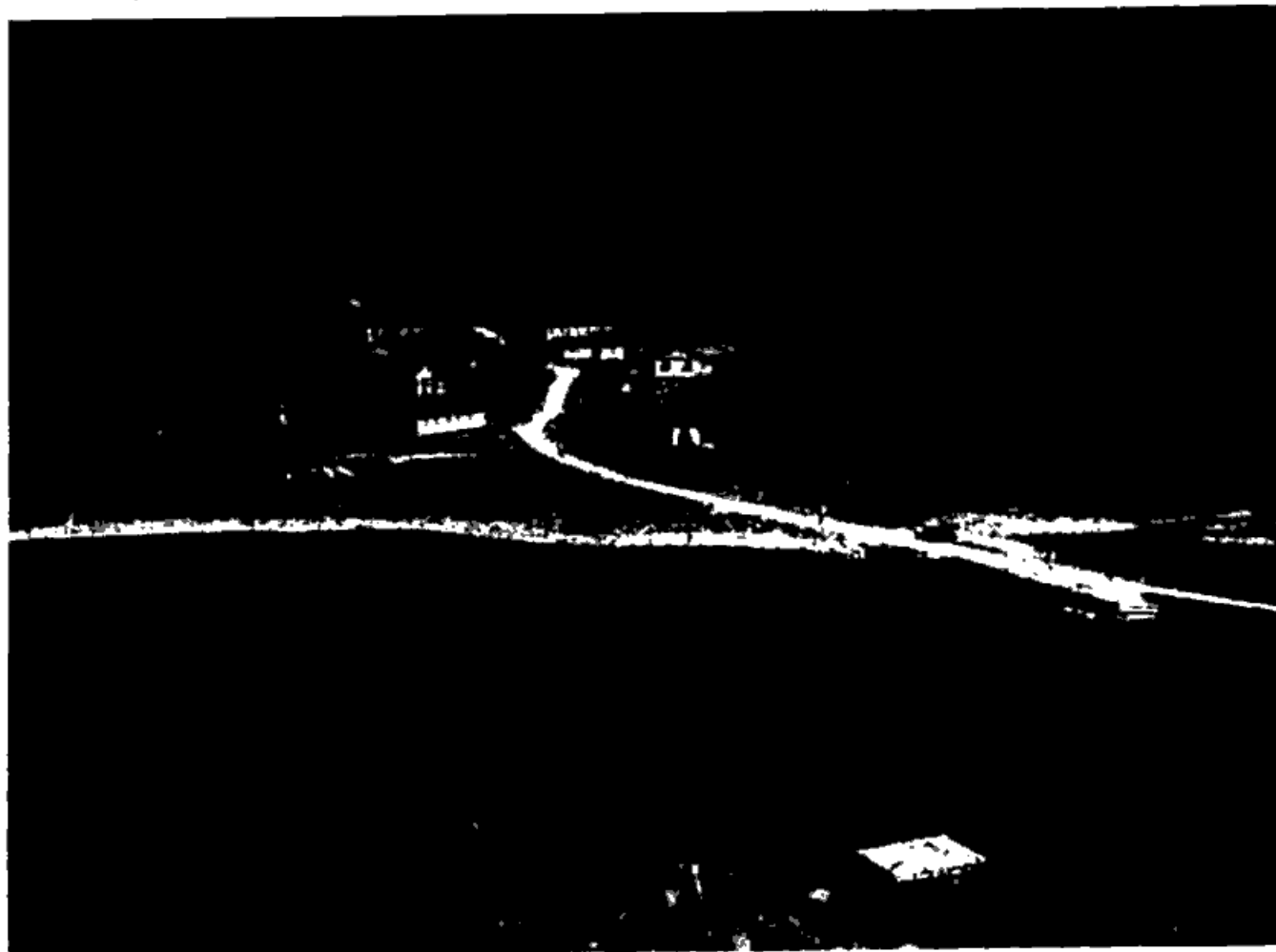
Nola Millar produced "Our Town"; and Bob Stead, "The Women." Both must be heartily congratulated upon their productions. It would have been too much to expect faultless plays; but it can truly be said that a most ambitious evening was attempted. And it did not fail. If all Unity productions can maintain this level it is quite apparent that a larger theatre will speedily be required.

Take another look at the election issue of Salient and you'll find that half the candidates say exactly the same thing in their "policies." Why not run an over-all policy speech, to the effect that all the candidates believe in the same things—Building Appeal pep-up, sane student government, etc? Lot of space wasted in that election issue. One candidate says he has no political affiliations. What he intends to convey by that we are left to figure out.

English department motto: Read Shakespeare and drink Speights beer.

FIRST N.Z.U. CONGRESS OPENS IN CURIOUS COVE THIS SUMMER — 150 EXPECTED

The New Zealand University Colleges know very little of the community life that is such an integral part of higher education overseas. And what we have, occurs on such rare occasions as Tournaments, and Extravs, which are intellectually sterile, but N.Z.U.S.A. has thought of a new function, that will (still only for ten days out of 365) bring a representative collection of university students from all over the country together, and let them experience something more than just sitting side by side in lecture rooms—letting them live together. The idea of a National Student Congress comes to us direct from Australia. N.Z.U.S.A. sent a delegation to the N.U.A.U.S. Congress at Somers, 20 miles from Melbourne, at a former Air Force camp, last summer. They returned most impressed; and the net result is that N.Z.U.S.A. Council decided at Easter that New Zealand should have such a Congress as one of its permanent annual functions.



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The question of a suitable site near Wellington has been answered by the booking of the holiday centre at Curious Cove in the Queen Charlotte Sound, from Friday 21st to Sunday 30th January. Two curious coves, to wit Messrs. H. I. Dowrick and N. R. Taylor, have already been to preview the site on behalf of the committee and enthusiastically declare that the amenities are second to none in any part of the Dominion.

There is a canteen—dry—where you can buy your tobacco, sweets, soft drinks, ice-creams and stationery. Every recreational facility is provided. You can bathe, boat, fish, play tennis and dance. Meeting rooms, accommodation and food are first class and everything is provided in the way of bedding and eating utensils, except that the more fastidious will have to supply their own bed-linen. Hot water flows freely, and the centre carries its own electric lighting unit.

Look at the photograph above. In a sheltered cove, surrounded by hills and more or less virgin forest, the site offers every inducement and opportunity to biologists, geologists, conchologists, trampologists and any other ologists who like a good holiday in restful and beautiful surroundings, and jovial and intelligent company.

The Programme

Dave Cohen is O.C. recreation, and is arranging for the attendance of film-unit photographers, and for the organization of tennis and table-tennis competitions, and possibly the staging of a revue.

The rest of the programme—and the central part—lectures, discussion, open fora (ahem)—are being arranged, and first-rate speakers being button-holed. The theme of the Congress is “NEW ZEALAND

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Well, do you want to come? Unfortunately, accommodation is limited to 150, and it is proposed to compensate for long distance travelling expenses by making congress charges on a sliding scale. Thus Victoria, Canterbury, Massey and Lincoln students will have to pay six pounds to Otago and Auckland's four pounds.

Incidentally, that will not completely cover expenses, and the students' association of the different colleges have been asked to contribute fifty pounds each.

If you still want to come, you can get application forms from the Exec. room. Miss McKenzie, women's vice president, is our congress representative. You will be required to deposit two pounds with your application (which will be refunded if your application is unsuccessful). Victoria's quota is limited to 35 students, and far more applications than vacancies are anticipated. So APPLY EARLY if you want to be in, and don't forget the deposit.

Plunket Medal

This year's Plunket Medal will be held on Saturday, 17th July, at 8 p.m. in the Concert Chamber. Ten entries were received for this, the forty-second contest, and there will be eight speakers taking part. This year there has been renewed activity by younger speakers in the Debating Society's fortnightly debates. Many of them will be in this year's medal contest, and it is felt by the committee that the traditions of past orators will not be disgraced. The major event in the Debating Society's year, the contest is also regarded as a highlight in the careers of the contestants, and in particular of the winners. It is hoped, therefore, that there will be a large gathering of students and their friends to hear them.

The Committee is pleased to be able to announce that a well qualified and evenly balanced bench of judges will adjudicate. They are Mrs. Craig McKenzie, Mr. M. H. Oram, M.P. (a former winner), and the Rev. J. A. Jermyn.

The Debating Society would also like to remind all students that they are welcome to the debates on Friday evenings. These are advertised on the main notice board, and, if only for the interjections (several of which have been quite good this year) are well worth attending.

Wine, Women And . . .

Rumour is a lying jade, but the fickle lady hath it that a certain Very Important and Highly Respected Officer of the Students' Association Executive with whom she was languidly sucking at cups of coffee in a well known Hobohemian eating-house, when she timidly offered him a Sobranie, turned up his nose and announced sanctimoniously that he did not “smoke, drink or chase fast women.” “But, —, I've seen you doing both the last two at once.” At this the V.I. and H.R.O. staggered to his feet, clapped his hands victoriously in the air, and in his best Plunket Medal Manner shouted “BAH!”

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It is unfortunate that the most active students at Victoria College (presuming that only the most active attend general meetings of their association), have no interest in their fellow students in countries less rich than their own. It is unfortunate that these students, who could spend over an hour discussing the real or alleged poverty of Wellington Training College students, could not spend ten minutes discussing the plight of countless desperately hungry, cold and diseased students in other parts of the world. It is unfortunate that of 2300 students only 60 could offer four or eight hours of their whole year for earning money to send to these less fortunate of their fellows, and that some of these 60 failed to make good their offer.

However, these people were prepared to pledge themselves "individually and collectively to support the work of the ISS Committee."

The ISS provides aid (to students) where it is needed most, on an international, inter-racial, non-sectarian, non-political basis. This aid is in the form of provision of books, study materials, medical supplies, food, scholarships and clothing. Europe, China and South-east Asia (India, Burma, etc.) are the three main areas where help is needed, and the world headquarters of ISS (in Geneva) have allotted China to be the special concern of the New Zealand branch.

In the one year from 1946-7 the ISS gave assistance in various ways to 240,549 students, and yet all the time, Chinese students, themselves short of the basic needs of life, are raising money to help those among them who are the worst off of all.

The inflation in China does much to increase the difficulties of students, specially as many of them have been separated from family support by the civil war. For instance, letters from China include such statements as these: (From Chungking), "Medical relief here was closed at the end of August, 1947, because the 330,000 Chinese dollars per month was insufficient, and could not help even one student in a hospital." Also from Chungking (students who work) "receive 72,000 Chinese dollars per month. Their food costs 230,000 dollars a month." From Nanking, (We) "get only a million Chinese dollars a month for the reading rooms but newspapers alone cost half a million to subscribe."

Other reports, while not complaining, make simple statements of the position. From Shanghai "94 per cent (of the students there) suffered from eye diseases and 13 per cent had below the normal body temperature. . . . only about 4 per cent of the students receive aid. At Hangchow, of 836 students who applied for aid only 180 were able to obtain it. From Mukden, "the big needs have been coal, water and electricity . . . they have to heat the ink bottles before they can use them. . . . students can only study in the day time—they use the gasoline lamps occasionally but is very expensive."

Apart from the 1948 quota for New Zealand of £3000 towards the realization of which Victoria has done precious little, there is to be a book drive for Chinese students.

The books will be collected in each of the University Colleges, and those required are of two types, text-books and technical magazines for study

and novels or magazines of cultural worth for recreational purposes. Most students will have text-books they will no longer need and will either possess or be able to acquire magazines and other books. Don't leave these to decay on ignored shelves, bring them in now.

Contributions may be left at the Exec. Rooms or Sallent Room if the Exec. Room is not open. Remember the students of Victoria College are pledged individually and collectively to help ISS.

On Friday, July 2, a small gathering of debaters discussed the motion, "The Compulsory Military Training Should be Introduced Immediately in New Zealand." Mr. Kevin O'Brien occupied the chair and the debate was judged by Mr. Braybrooke, a former Union Prize winner. Mr. M. J. O'Brien led the case for the affirmative assisted by Mr. B. O'Connor, while Mr. J. Milburn led the case for the negative, seconded by Mr. R. G. Matthews.

Mr. M. O'Brien expressed regret that such an important question, one which would affect many students at present at the college, had attracted such a small gathering. His regrets were endorsed by several other speakers. He chose to examine the motion by studying the various items embodied in it. He spoke of the equality and justice implied in the term "compulsory." He pointed out that "military training" included an adaptation to new scientific discoveries and weapons. The word "immediately" pointed to the urgent need for

ing. Finally he asked Mr. O'Brien against whom he was defending New Zealand.

Mr. O'Connor said that he admired Mr. Milburn's ideals of peace, but that he preferred to adopt a more realistic attitude to the question. He said that compulsory military training was essential and the only satisfactory answer. The presence of an army did not mean inevitable war.

Mr. Matthews opposed the motion on economic grounds. He spoke of the expenses involved in setting up military training, the effect of manpower diversion from vital industries including food production and building. He concluded by pointing out the petty potentiality of New Zealand when all this inconvenience had been suffered to introduce military training.

Speakers from the floor were called but only four could be persuaded to take part. Mr. Cotton presented the case of Switzerland as a country which had always maintained an army but had never been involved in a war.

Mr. Curtin, rather than see the debate fall through for want of speakers, made a gallant attempt to speak for five minutes.

Among several interesting observations, Mr. Cook said that no matter how military training infringed our personal liberty, we would be in worse plight under the Germans or Japanese.

Mr. McLeod described the futility of military training when a few atom bombs could wipe out civilization. He illustrated the uselessness of accepted methods of defence and quoted the Maginot Line as an example.

In concluding the case for the negative, Mr. Milburn reiterated his claim that war was not inevitable. Personal liberty was paramount, and quite incompatible with compulsory military training and its implications.

Mr. O'Brien said, in conclusion for the affirmative, that we are liable to attack, though we do not know from where, thus we must have an army and be prepared, and in this way only can we be assured of personal liberty.

The motion was then put to the vote and lost by a substantial majority. Mr. Braybrooke gave a constructive criticism of proceedings and placed the speakers as follows: Mr. O'Connor, Mr. Milburn, Mr. Matthews and Mr. O'Brien (3rd equal).

HEAVEN HELPS THOSE . . .

Everybody knows that Victoria College needs a new Students' Association Building. We need a decent-sized cafeteria, comfortable men's and women's common rooms and a general lounge, space for lockers, a properly equipped theatre and dance hall.

It is possible that this can be achieved while many of the students who are now in the college are still here. If the students can raise £20,000, the Government will provide £40,000. So far over £12,000 has been raised, but very little of this has come directly from the efforts of the students. We cannot expect large donations from outsiders if we do not make every effort to raise money ourselves.

The executive will launch a campaign this week for direct donations from students. You can give the money straight out, or earn it before the end of this term. A list of suggestions for earning money will be announced during the campaign.

If 2000 students of this college could each raise £5, we would have more than enough money to begin the building, so before you laugh at the idea that you can raise this money, just think it over.

The Editor Apologizes

Sallent is not the small town rag it used to be. People write for us these days, and this issue has been overset to an extent of 4000 words.

The following letters and articles have been held over till the next issue: "The Student and the Community" — "E.R.B."; "Drink" — "Swen"; "The Philosophical Society," — "G.P."; "Thoughts on a Winter Journey" — A. McKee; "Writing Something Oneself." — "F.M."; "The Socialist Club Report," and the list of Sallent Staff.

Mr. McLeod is to be thanked for his editorial that brought about this state of affairs.

BRUCE MILBURN,
Retiring Desk Editor.

prompt action." In the term "New Zealand" he included all the outlying islands, particularly those to the north.

Mr. Milburn agreed with Mr. O'Brien, in that he also desired peace, but he challenged Mr. O'Brien's method of maintaining an army to maintain peace. To him, this seemed contradictory. He illustrated the detrimental effects that army life has on the individual and on the nation as a whole. He warned us of the terrible consequences of a military regime which would grow up under compulsory military train-

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HYPNOSIS HITS THE HERD Ceccarelli in C3

On Tuesday, June 29, Room C3 was crowded with Psychology and Education students who were admitted (by ticket only) to see Professor Ceccarelli give a demonstration of hypnosis. Introduced by Professor Beaglehole, he commenced almost immediately with his mass test—swaying in response to the professor's command. The best came to the front for a further test. The fourteen or so who remained were given the arm-raising test. The effect was uncanny, as arms rose in various positions and were lowered again at the professor's commands. On being told they were very cold, the subjects snuggled down into their coats; on being told they were very hot, two of the girls removed their jackets. This test, and the pricking with a pin of the outstretched arms, brought the number down to eight—four men and four girls.

Further experiments were tried on two of the men, writing a word after a given period of time. This apparently worked with one who caused a laugh with his question: 'How do you spell 'Psychology' Professor Beaglehole?'

The most successful and interesting experiment was the retrogression of one girl, a particularly good subject, to the age of seven years. She wrote her name on the board in childish letters, and reacted to words of blame from her "teacher." On being asked to sing, she immediately commenced "Sing a Song of Sixpence."

The Professor demonstrated telepathy by writing a command on the board—for the audience's benefit—and making the subject carry it out without spoken words. In this way she walked to a vase of flowers, took a jonquil, and walking back across



the room, presented it to Professor Beaglehole. Then, again, without any command, she wrote the correct time on the board.

The effect on the hypnotized students, and their memory of the process, was very interesting. One gathered that the only after-effect was a feeling of tiredness on the part of some of the girls. The memories varied. Two girls had no recollection of anything they had done or said. Two more were conscious of what they were doing but were without power to prevent themselves. Two men in particular presented interesting cases. They appeared to be completely hypnotized, but afterwards stated that they were only very partially so. One man said that he had gone to the front ready to co-operate, but seemed unable to do so, and, not wanting to disturb the act, performed the actions under his own volition. Another girl said that the effect of the hypnotist seemed to be lost when he diverted his attention, indicating the importance of the hypnotist's concentration.

There was, however, no doubt that several of the students were completely hypnotized. There seems to be no doubt, also, that given time and smaller numbers, others could have been hypnotized. The fact that some who were not really hypnotized appeared so, even to careful observers, is interesting as an indication of the care that is needed to distinguish between genuine and non-genuine cases, although in this case no deception was intended.

The hour and a half of the demonstration was felt to have been profitably used, and the students are grateful to Professor Beaglehole for arranging it, and to Professor Ceccarelli, whose undoubted powers convinced his audience that hypnotism is no hoax.

Political Scientists Visit Parliament

There are not many privileges left to the male of the species today, but certain members of the Political Science Society took full advantage of one of the last of these when they visited the House of Representatives recently. While the female members of the party were banished to the gallery, we males were honoured with seats on the floor of the House.

This little boost to our moral followed an address, unfortunately cut short by the lack of time, given to the Clerk of the House, Mr. Dollimore. The speaker's easy style, his pleasant voice and his comprehensive knowledge of the customs and formalities of Parliamentary procedure commanded the attention of his listeners and although the majority of those present had some knowledge of the British governmental system, all, I feel sure, went away with a better understanding of the traditions of the House. While it is true that some conventions make for stability and order there are others that would be hard to justify today. For example, in the bad old days, Mr. Speaker was often a spy for the King, so when the Commons wished to discuss things in secret they resolved themselves into committee and requested that Mr. Speaker leave them in peace. A wise precaution indeed, and on Wednesday afternoon when the House went into committee Mr. Speaker followed the ancient tradition and left the chair, but then he took a seat at the side of the Speaker's chair. Presumably he could not report to His Majesty from there! In any case if His Majesty were interested he need only to tune in to station 2YA to hear the secret proceedings first hand. Again, when a division is called, bells controlled by an electric switch are rung throughout Parliament Buildings for three minutes, as shown by an ancient hour-glass.

Mr. Dollimore also spoke of arrangements made "behind the Speaker's chair" whereby the leaders of each party decide such questions as to the time that shall be spent on debating various issues. This is a time honoured custom and many feel that it places debates on a level somewhat akin to wrestling matches, a glorious and spectacular fake. However, these critics should remember that in many countries an Opposition is not accorded even this limited right of accusing the Government in power. And common sense will show that were the minority party allowed unrestricted freedom as to length of speech or as to the number of speakers to a motion then the Government would be able to pass only a fraction of its proposed legislation.

Another noteworthy feature of this visit, in my opinion at least, was the satisfaction of finding out just how comfortable, and how easy to sleep in are the seats in the House.

V.U.C. Library Finals, 1947

*Diamond bars dizzily crossing
the glaring grey of the sky,
with high houses obscurely silhouetted.*

*Butter-green creeper wrapping
the corner,
tapping the pane with quiet fingers,
grey skies—dust grey panes.
The thoughts are diamond—
crossing my mind,
chasing each other across the
dusty blank
of reason. The facts
are tapping at my memory.*

*To what end—this merry-go-round of learning?
Outside the wind is blowing and
the gorse is yellow.
Here, the panes are grey.*

Jonathan.

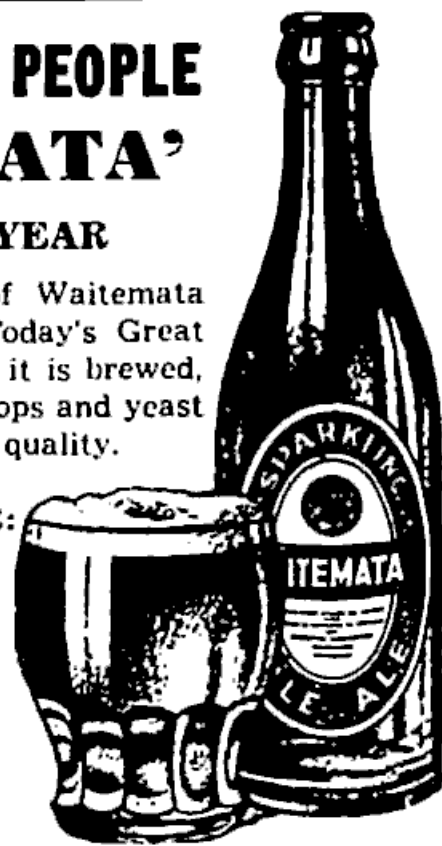
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Saturday, 17th July

Plunket Medal: Concert Chamber, 8 p.m.

Monday, 19th July

Political Science Society: Dr. Jacoby on "Thomas Hobbes and the 17th Century." A2, 8 p.m.
July 23-24

Thursday, 15th July

Drama Club: Casting for Tournament play, 7.30 p.m., Room 14.

Friday, 16th July

Drama Club: Reading on one-act plays by members of the club, 8 p.m., in the Gym.

Monday, 26th July

Political Science Society: The Hon. Walter Nash on "Problems of Peace."
July 23-24

T.C. Drama.

Tuesday, 27th July

Socialist Club: Mr. A. H. Scotney, author of "The Left was Right," will speak on "Socialism, East and West."

August 5th-6th

Drama Club: Major production, J. B. Priestley's time-problem play, "I Have Been Here Before."

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Seven years ago the Thespians decided that they would produce one Shakespearean play per year. To date this Society has presented "Hamlet," "Macbeth," "A Midsummer Night's Dream," "The Merry Wives of Windsor," "The Tempest," "The Taming of the Shrew," and now "Much Ado About Nothing."

This year's production will open on Monday, the 26th July, to a special performance arranged for University and Training College students. By arrangement with the Students' Association Executive, the box plan will be opened at the Executive Office on Monday the 19th July. Special concession price is offered with no charge for reserves. Booking particulars are advertised in this issue.



"Yer-her-her-her-HIC!"

(Procesh-Ed)

Soccer

Saturday, July 10th, will see the senior team match their skill against the crack Seatoun side in the local semi-final of the Chatham Cup. The loss of Edwards has upset the team considerably, but we are counting on Edmond to show his customary tigerishness. Spiers his feriousness and Reddy to reach out into the dim lofty heights to retrieve the ball with his head. Simmonds is expected to score at least six goals with his usual sped and accuracv and of course Sutton Smith will have a great chance to show what a splendid 'keeper he is, while Richardson no dbubt, will play himself into the Senior B Rep. side to play Wanganui shortlv.

Due to illness and other mysterious causes, only six players turned up the other day for the seconds at Kelburn Park. We secretly hope there will be a full muster next week. Mahabir and McLeod have been showing good form lately.

After scoring one of the few goals to the credit of the Thirds, one of the players had to leave the field with a fractured bone, and consequently the team suffered a heavy defeat. The general opinion in the club is that the thirds are "due for a win any time now"—maybe next week—who knows!

Appeal for Bods.

The Soccer Club is seriously short of players under 21. Any Varsity type who feels like a kick-around on Saturday afternoons is welcome. Previous experience is not essential. The third grade team has been short of players since the beginning of the season, and others have been eliminated by injuries, while still others have been transferred from Wellington. Anyone interested please contact G. Robinson or Jack Walls, or turn up at the game next Saturday. (See daily papers for fixtures.)

Table Tennis

This year the club has a membership of about 60. We have eight teams entered in the inter-club competitions and hope to do well in the various grades. Last year the club finished in the first eight, but this year we hope to win the club competition. Our prospects for Tournament this year, are not as good as last year, but we are extremely fortunate in having Doris Johannesson, a former Wellington rep., as our top woman player.

For the benefit of any students wishing to play table tennis this season, the practice night is Monday, while tables are available every lunch hour and on Saturday morning.

Bursary**Recommendations**

The unanimous adoption at the AGM of the resolution in support of an improved bursary system has given a great impetus to the campaign for better bursaries. This was moved by Ron Smith, secretary of the N.Z. Student Labour Federation; and seconded by Jim Battersby, secretary of the N.Z. Student Christian movement. It called upon the Stud. Ass. to support the proposal for improved bursaries recently put forward by the federation and to have the matter taken up by NZUSA with the Government.

The proposals provide briefly for one thousand bursaries, tenable for five years, and paying fees, book grants and living allowances at the rate of £2/5/- per week for students living at home and £3 for students living away from home.

Major improvements in the New Zealand University are undoubtedly necessary. The overcrowding is emphasized by the sprawling growth of tin huts around our colleges. Libraries are at a low level. Staff is inadequate. Except for Otago the proportion of full-time students is too low.

Will They Work?

When these questions are raised with the Government we usually get the answer: Labour and materials. To grant the improved bursaries requested will not require labour or materials; it would need money only. And the Government recently announced a financial surplus for this year of £1,785,000. The large sum spent on rehabilitation and education will start to drop sharply as from next year.

Furthermore, if the bursary scheme were adopted, the expenditure would not all accrue in the first year of operation. The bursaries being tenable for five years, the expenditure in the first year would only be one-fifth of the final expenditure. Thus the expenditure would be low in the present period of shortages and inflationary pressures arising from the war, and would only reach its maximum in five years' time when conditions will probably be changed. This expenditure will help to maintain buoyant market conditions in New Zealand and reduce unemployment.

This campaign to release time for study and free students from having to earn their living during college terms is the first need for improved education. Students do get their lectures even if in tin huts, and they do manage to get most books they require, even if they waste a lot of time before obtaining them. The proposals for improved bursaries therefore fit in with New Zealand's economic situation and with her educational needs.

A.G.M.—Continued from Page 1.)

V.U.C. needed a like stability. Therefore, an uproarious meeting heard him move that the office of secretary on Stud. Ass. become hereditary. This forensic tour de force climaxed the show, though Taylor's no confidence motion in the Exec. (Wot, no spittoons?) and Mr. O'Brien's "which Exec?" were well received. Brass spittoons and chewing tobacco were recommended for the women's common room (without show of hands). "May the Lord have mercy on their souls," said Mr. O'Brien, announcing the new Exec.; the dullest A.G.M. in years was over.

Odds and Sods

Mr. O'Brien in answering a question explaining the loss on "Spike" by the late issue and rising costs; he didn't think it would happen again.

The first clean audit certificate in history gratified Mr. Dowrick (again).

And everyone was gratified to know that Cappicade, all 10,000 copies had completely sold out.

Everyone passed the buck over who was responsible for meal money refunds for the Extrav. Napier trip, and Mr. McLeod got no satisfaction. Profits from that show haven't yet arrived.

The misstatements in the press after THE meeting were commented on and explained by Mr. O'Brien, Mr. Dowrick, who wrote under his own name ("not one of your numerous aliases?") Miss Casey and others. The position remains a bit obscure. Mr. Plishke's name came up again—obviously someone had missed the other meetings. A very patient explanation came from Mr. Taylor.

Mr. Dowrick: "I forget whether I was President then or not," and again "God alone knows the faults of man!"

A great big toffee apple goes to Mr. Cook for the prize chestnut of the evening: "I think the trams should run on orthodox lines."

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INTER-COLLEGE HOCKEY VICTORIA VICTORIOUS

Massey College men's and women's hockey teams came down on Thursday last (July 1) for a brief visit. The annual match was played at Karori Park at 1.30 and a large number of spectators watched a fast and even game between Victoria and Massey's women's teams. The score at half time was 2-1 in Victoria's favour.

Bice Young, playing her usual impressive game, scored Victoria's goals and Jo Francis, playing left wing for the first time was one of Massey's most dangerous opponents and made many openings for the Victoria forwards. Margot Spiers played an outstanding defensive game.

Massey's goals were scored by the centre forward, Jo. Bingley, Mary Paterson, left full-back, and Barbara Milk, the goalie, both played an excellent game and saved the situation for Massey many times.

Soon after the commencement of the second half, Victoria broke through to score making it 3-1 in their favour. This was answered by a hard fought goal by Massey and many exciting moments. The whistle sounded and the game resulted in a win for Victoria, 3-2.

After the match both teams were entertained at dinner at the R.S.A. rooms and later at the third annual Hockey Ball at the Roseland Cabaret. Both functions were a social (if not financial) success.

A team of interest to the club at the moment is the one fielded in the junior grade. The club was lucky enough to persuade, bribe and otherwise inveigle Pat Ralph, an ex-hockey fiend, to coach this team. Pat went out one Saturday, threw up her hands in horror and has now great plans for getting some combination in this team.

So all juniors, in particular, are requested to come to the practice held on Kelburn Park, Tuesdays, 12.30-2.30 in fine weather only.

All teams are reminded that, besides this practice, there are practices every second Thursday at the Sports Centre, and when they are not held in town there is a practice in the Gym from 6-8 p.m. Notices are posted on the board for those members who get confused over dates. Please be present at one of these practices.

Men's Hockey

At the time the last notes appeared, the men's hockey club was showing, in all grades, a higher standard of hockey than had been in Victoria for some years. This improvement in play was bearing fruit and four of the teams were near the top of their grades. Since then, however, there has been a great falling off of the standard, and especially in the lower grades, more losses are registered than wins. To this may be added an outstanding fault which is evident in all teams. Despite sound defensive hockey and general territorial advantage in field play, the teams have been unable to score sufficient goals to win. The obvious fault, therefore, seems to be with the forwards whose job it is to score these goals. Lack of cohesion, penetration and the will to "have a go" in the circle are their defects and so long as these defects go unchecked more games will be lost than won.

The First Eleven is at present second in the championship, four points behind the leaders, Karori. From the team four representatives in Hec. Lawry, Ivor Tong, Ian Laurenson and Ray O'Connor were chosen to represent Wellington against Auckland.

Second Eleven are also second in their grade and have been playing a fair standard of hockey this season, although in the last few weeks their play has been somewhat disappointing. Against Karori their form was below their usual standard and as a team they failed to play constructive hockey.

Third A previously having met with continual success and being the leaders in their grade, have lately failed to win a game and their chances of success in the championship seem to be rapidly fading. Perhaps depletion of their full team strength has been one of the contributing reasons for their non success.

Third B with a strong half and back line affording an excellent defence has a sound basis for the development of a really good side. The forwards, though good individually, are finding it difficult to settle down and develop an effective combination. When this weakness is overcome the side will be able to improve upon the fair success it has had.

The Fourths have not fulfilled the promise they showed earlier in the season in spite of their efforts to improve. It is fast becoming a perennial theme of this club that some real effort should be made to coach and train the teams.

To all in the club it ought to be known that the gym is available on Thursday nights for practice, and some effort should be made by the team captains to get their teams together for a practice.

Harriers

Already this year runs have been held over distances totalling some sixty miles, including two club and two inter-club races. In the Anderson Rally at Dannevirke over an excellent cross-country course, the Varsity team was placed fifth, with Hawke second in the individual placings. Noel Currie, running as an individual in the junior race, finished in third place. In the five-mile road race at Petone for the Dorne Cup a ten man team filled third place, with Hawke second, Stanley ninth, and Whittle tenth in the individual placings. Currie, again running as an individual, was sixth in the juniors.

In the little-used showcase at the foot of the stairs at V.U.C., is a small wooden baton, and on one of its silver plates the following magic words appear: "University"—1947. It is of course the much-prized Shaw Baton which was won last year by the Varsity Harrier Club. The Shaw Baton Relay comprises six laps of one mile each, mostly over road but with a little rough ground, and on July 10th, this year's relay will be held. Will we retain the Baton?

This is the question which is worrying team selectors. Of last year's team, only Hawke, Holden and Whittle are still with the club.

Bob Stanley, N.Z.U.C.C. titleholder, has been running with Vic. this year, but will probably not be available; N. Currie is ineligible for senior races. The remaining three places will probably be filled from the younger members of the club, among whom Clift and Keesing have been running well so far this season. However, if we are to retain the trophy, some hard and serious training will have to be done by all team members: if this is done, who knows, but that the Baton may remain in its (almost) solitary glory in the Hall.

Rugby

Since the last notes were written the Club's record has slumped a good deal, for, although on June 19th, six out of eight matches were won, on June 26th six more were lost, and on July 3rd, the only game played, the Senior A was lost.

The Seniors, after giving a first class display to beat St. Pat's O.B. were unlucky to lose 14 to 12 to Petone, and were beaten 11 to 0 by Wellington in the mud.

Junior A soundly defeated Te Aroha, and then lost inexplicably to Wellington.

Junior B gave an improved display to beat Wellington but lost to the competition leaders last Saturday.

Third A and B continue to hold their position near the top of the

grade, each having won their last two matches fairly comfortably. The third A's (with 16 points are second, two points behind the leaders in their grade, and the third B's with 15 are third, one point behind the leaders.



R. Jacob

Third C grade A's have had one loss (a bad one) and one very good win, and third C grade B's have had two losses, though one was a very narrow one.

The North Island Universities' team playing in Auckland on July 7th has C. Shannon, R. Shannon, O. S. Meads (capt.), and R. Jacob from Victoria, and the N.Z.U. team to play Auckland on July 10th, has three Victoria men, O. S. Meads, C. Shannon and R. Jacob.

R. Jacob has been selected for the New Zealand Maori team to tour Fiji.

Men's B.B.

The last few weeks has brought fair success to V.U.C. teams playing in the local competitions.

The A team were beaten by Barons and Marist and won against Taxes. The defence has been well improved, in particular Beecroft and Deterte have been doing some solid work. The forward line has been weak, but Moral remains a steady shooter.

The B's unfortunately lost to Kilbirnie Gym, but have made up for it in trouncing Karori. They still have a chance of winning their grade as they are lying a close third. Tarrant and O'Keefe have been doing a job in scoring most of the goals, with Hicks in able support.

The C's again lost by one point against Wizards. The score was even at full time but they lost on one penalty goal. The main trouble is too much fouling and bodily contact by our team even though our play is improving. Barclay and Hutt seem to be the biggest offenders.

The D team is shaping well, and have an even share of wins and losses. They certainly should be able to give the C team a fright.

At the special Basketball Shield Competition at the Sports Centre on Saturday night, Varsity had a wonderful win against Marist last week. The team playing on Saturday nights

is Tournament (unable to be deciphered) team and has been going well. Des. Deterte was named Wellington No. 1 player of the week, for his brilliant guarding and court craft. Beecroft and Tarrant did some fine shooting.

Ski Heil

The Ski Club got away to a good start after several postponed trips by running a very successful trip to Egmont last weekend. Nineteen bobs led by John McDonald travelled in luxury to the Stratford Mountain House, from where they emerged on Saturday to sample the ski-ing in Ngara Valley, above the Maunganui Hut.

Despite everything Egmont could offer in bad weather, some constructive, and much destructive ski-ing was done. By three p.m. there were enough "numb burns" to indicate a retreat to Maunganui Hut for a boil up, prior to a smart gallop home. Sunday's weather allowed for snapshots prior to the mist enveloping us, so that ski-ing was confined to Outlet Gully, where everyone managed to improve somewhat under the tuition of John McDonald and Bruce Milburn.

Bouquets are gaily tossed to Alec and Basil for their luxury transport, the Stratford Mountain Club for hospitality, Lulu for helping us find the missing mattress, Bruce for the best 'gutsa' (he was dug out), Gilbert for averting a major surgical operation.

Future trips are hampered by accommodation and transport restrictions—but watch the notice board for the schuss is really starting.

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