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## TOURNAMENT REPORT

**F**IRSTLY, a correction of the "Salient report of August 31 that will no doubt come as something of a disappointment to students of V.U.C. We did NOT lose the Wooden Spoon, and where the sports Editor got this idea from I do not know, but it was certainly not from official sources. I would also point out that Drama does not count towards Shield Points, that a different number of points are awarded for different sports, and that Massey and Lincoln are not "eligible" for the Wooden Spoon.

The Tournament was concluded in Dunedin from August 21st-24th inclusive, and it was a most successful one from every point of view. Our congratulations go to Otago University for their excellent organisation both in competition and in entertainment, and for their all-round performance in winning the Tournament Shield. The hospitality of the Dunedinites was indeed such that it may well have been a concerted and underhand way making us hors de combat, although their own active participation in all that was going rather precludes this view.

Victoria brought back the Wooden Spoon once more, but this does not in any way reflect in a bad light upon our representatives whose performance on the whole was creditable. Nevertheless, there are certain valuable lessons to be learnt for future tournaments and which should not be soon forgotten.

The first and most important is that Victoria is not predestined to tail the field in everything they take on; and indeed, had the spirit of those few who were just not interested in doing their part for the College been as keenly conscientious as those who did compete—and in some cases with considerable personal sacrifice and expense—the result might well have been very different. When competitors are willing even to take a week of their annual leave in order to be able to attend and compete at the Tournament, we are witnessing a spirit which, should it become more universal, would prove to be a major factor in higher placings in Tournament competitions.

A further point to be noted is the necessity for strong teams in at least one of the three major events. (Men's and Women's Hockey and Soccer) 21 Shield points are awarded to each of these events, and should a College not gain 1st or 2nd placings, there is little chance of winning the Shield no matter how well they do in the other events.

Shield points were gained by all except one of the V.U.C. teams, and (in addition to Drama) wins were recorded in Fencing and Shooting—an effort better than some that have been made in previous Tournaments, but one that still leaves room for improvement in future years, as the placings in one or two sports this year was lower than had been expected.

**Shooting:** A close contest was had with the Otago team, V.U.C. emerging winners of the I.C.I. Shield on a count back of the inners, points scored being V.U.C., 777.40, Otago 777.34. All 5 members gained places in the North Island and N.Z.U. Teams, J. R. Fletcher, gaining a possible in the N.Z.U. Shoot. Congratulations to Brian Perry for his N.Z.U. Blue and for gaining the highest individual score (198) out of a possible 200.

**The Team:** B. Perry, J. Fletcher, J. Hogg, M. Martin-Smith and H. McKay.

**Fencing:** The all round performance of the V.U.C. Team was very good wins being recorded in both the Men's and Women's events. Pete

Hampton and Wyn Stevens fought well to gain places in the N.Z.U. Team and both were awarded well deserved N.Z.U. Blues. A pleasing feature was the performance of R. Michael, and Miss G. Burrell in their first year of Tournament fencing, and the experience should prove of value to them for future Tournaments. Gill Burrell is to be congratulated on winning the Women's Event in her 1st year of fencing against more experienced and older competitors.

**The Team:**—B. P. Hampton, W. Stevens, I. Bennett, R. Michael, Miss J. and G. Burrell.

**Drama:**—A pleasant evenings entertainment was provided on the Tuesday evening by the Drama Festival, when V.U.C. gained the honours for the second year in succession. The play presented ("The Long Xmas Dinner" by Thornton Wilder) differed from those produced by the other colleges in that the emphasis was not on sex, but this was in no way a handicap: the players made a very good job of a difficult play, and received very fair comment from the judges.

**The Cast:** Misses M. Ross-Smith, A. Cook, P. Lusk, A. McLeod, and E. Oliver, T. Bayler, J. Yaldwyn and B. Hamlin.

**Basketball:** In this section of Tournament V.U.C. did not quite live up to its expectations and the team came home not a little disappointed. With a last minute alteration before the team went South we lost our tallest player, and set out to try and recover the Cup with a team of average height of 5'9"—the shortest team at tournament by far. Our first three games were won reasonably easily, although Massey gave us more than a run for our money. v. Massey 49-41. v. O.U. "B" 56-28. v. A.U.C. 55-42.

We showed every team a lesson in team co-ordination but met our match against the individual brilliance of O.U. "A." They were all big men (average height about 6'1"); and although the game was closer than the scores indicated, they were clear cut winners 46-29.

After a little over an hour's rest we took the court against CUC, and a totally exhausted Vic. team was toppled once more in a very unspectacular game 30-47.—thus relegating V.U.C. to 3rd position in the Basketball supremacy.

This was not a true indication of V.U.C. and with all due respects to Canterbury on more equal terms the scores would have been reversed. This was born out by the personnel of the N.Z.U. team which was composed entirely of O.U. and V.U.C. players. This team beat the Otago representatives 39-31.

**The Vic. Team was:** S. Moral (Capt.) P. Tarrant, F. Simmons, E. Swindale, S. Nasak, B. Compton, P. Anderson, I. Corkill.

Our congratulations go to B. Compton, S. Moral, F. Simmons and P. Tarrant who gained places in the N.Z.U. A team.

**Men's Hockey:** This was a team that had the personnel to provide some spirited opposition to the other Colleges, although their chances were somewhat lessened by the absence from Tournament of one or two of

their leading players who might well have swung the balance in our favour in the games against Canterbury and Otago particularly the latter game. Wins were recorded against Auckland and Massey, and although the team did not settle down too well in the opening games they showed touches of their true form which unfortunately lacked the finishing touches. They finished third, but the team has bright prospects for next years Tournaments, if most of them are eligible again and the strongest team can be encouraged to compete if possible.

**The Team:** B. Mansfield, D. Fitzgerald, C. Brinsley, C. Watson, P. Armstrong, N. Compton, A. McLean, B. Walsh, A. Gordon, G. Oakes, A. Cryer, P. Chatwin.

**Women's Hockey:** The Vic. team contained quite a number of young players for many of whom this was the first Tournament attended. It was not recognised as a strong team but performed well to defeat Massey and Auckland, but went down to the greater experience of Canterbury and Otago, particularly the latter team whose number included six representative players. Even so the game was by no means one-sided, our girls holding the score at 2-1 till shortly before full-time when Otago added another two goals in quick succession. The brightest side of the play is that the team was for the most part a young one with several Tournaments ahead of them and the experience gained against better players should bear fruit. Congratulations to B. Young and G. Francis who gained selection in the N.Z.U. Team.

**The Team:** M. Richmond, B. Haldane, D. Stuclyff, P. Barr, R. Oderkerk, S. Kingden, L. Holland, J. Francis, B. Young (Capt.), J. McKelvie, J. Young, G. Francis, S. Francis.

**Soccer:** With all due respects to players concerned, this was possibly the "weak" spot in V.U.C.'s defence not through any poor display by the competitors, but merely that they were in most cases outclassed, particularly from the point of view of combination. The University "A" team was very poorly represented at Tournament, with only three of its regular players competing. The rest of the team being made up of 2nd and 3rd XI players. Injuries also took their toll amongst the players, the result being that the team never really settled down and played as such, which once again stresses the necessity of the prospective Tournament team playing together throughout the season as far as this is practicable. With this in view, it may be stated that the team did their best, and played in no way discreditably: wins were recorded against Massey and Lincoln, and the margins in the other games were small which suggests that the V.U.C. team at full strength might well have had things their own way.

**The Team:** D. Robinson, S. Seagar, K. Bliss, B. Compton, A. Lonergan, C. McCann, H. Robinson, G. Dewhurst, G. Watson, E. Thompson, S. Webster, B. McFarlane, J. Howett.

**Cross Country Running:** The performance of the Harrier Team was perhaps a little disappointing both to

themselves and to supporters, although they were up against strong opposition in the excellent Auckland Team which filled 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th places, and the Massey Team which beat them into second place by 2 points. Bob Hunt tho, not up to time form ran well to fill second place, but the other runners did not seem to take kindly to the course and failed to reproduce their best form seen on occasions during the season. J. Goodwin being 11th with D. Warnock (16th) and M. Matheson (18) further back to constitute the first 4 Vic men "home."

**The Team:** R. Hunt, J. Goodwin, J. Mawson, M. Truebridge, M. Matheson, D. Warnock, E. Abraham.

**Table Tennis:** This team was perhaps the unknown quantity of Tournament, and played very well indeed to more than fulfil expectations. Although they finished third, they were amongst the finalists in the Men's and Women's Doubles and the Combined Doubles, and drew with A.U.C. The final of the Teams Knock-out, had they won this latter event, they would have won the table-tennis competitions and thus gained a further five points towards the Shield, but this was unfortunately not to be.

**The Team:** O. Collins (Capt.) H. Lampden-Smith, Viv. Fleming, Ivy Smith.

It is significant that Otago and Victoria were the only colleges to gain placings in six out of the seven official sports Auckland gaining its 26 points entirely from three sports which it won. Thus very little more was needed to ensure for Victoria a higher placing and even the winning of the Shield—shall we say 2nd placings in Basketball, Men's and Women's Hockey instead of 3rd, and a placing in Soccer.

This is pure speculation, but it offers a lesson that should encourage everyone to make a greater effort to support their College, and to place Tournament high in their list of sporting commitments.

Concerning internal arrangements, I can just say that an earlier and more active co-operation by some clubs would be appreciated: Club Secretaries were circularised regularly with details of arrangements but the response in some cases was not such as to give much support to your Delegates. Competitors are reminded that proofs of the V.U.C. Team Photographs are now in the Executive Room, and copies may be ordered there. —D.B.H.

(Apologies for the mistake over the Spoon. Neither Sports Editor was responsible: our information was faulty and it all amounted to little more than easy and wishful acceptance of what we were told. The mistake was corrected last issue: we were aware of it after printing the error, but too late to alter it.—Ed.)

## Extravaganza Scripts

The Hon. Secretary of the Association announced that the closing date for scripts for next year's Extrav. will be February 19, 1951.

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Thursday, September 14, 1950.

## UNIVERSITY REFORM

A COUPLE of issues ago, we made a suggestion that the resolution to the Senate asking for a review of the present university set-up in N.Z. could well be implemented.

One small matter which the Students Association might do well to press for is the overhaul of regulations regarding the keeping of terms.

Present VUC regulations say that students must keep terms in all subjects for practically all degrees. This entails compulsory attendance—in theory anyway, at a certain proportion of the lectures.

Why?

We can think of no good reason for this regulation. Without allowing the admitted iniquities of the extra mural student system, it should be possible so to arrange the regulation that attendance at lectures is not compulsory. In fact, the increasing scope of internal exams, which in themselves put emphasis on the particular viewpoints of lecturers and professors, would ensure that students would do well from the purely utilitarian aspect, to attend lectures in order to pass exams. There may have been arguments when all exams were external for making terms restricted in this way. But now that students do have to attend lectures anyway, why continue to make attendance compulsory? Make practical work compulsory by all means: but if a student honestly prefers not to attend some lectures, then he should be allowed to miss. If he doesn't do the work, it will become sufficiently obvious sooner or later: if he doesn't present the material in November the way the lecturer has set it out all the year, it should still be possible to see whether he has been following independent lines of research during that missed time, or whether he has just wasted it. The good student would get rewarded; the bad one would suffer.

Apart from that, it might have one or two other quite beneficial results—some lecturers might take the hint if attendance at their lectures became a little skimpy too consistently.

If voluntary attendance were the rule, then most students would continue to go to most lectures as they do now. Insistence on essays or other tangible evidence of work done would make it sure that people were keeping up to the mark.

By shifting responsibility on to individual students instead of imposing it by external regulation, there should—theoretically at any rate—be an enhancement of that self-education and voluntary discipline of learning which is—again, theoretically at any rate—the only true method of learning.

It would be worth the experiment at VUC: most overseas universities of repute would burst their sides laughing at the thought of rigidly restricting the right to pass to those who have attended two thirds of the lectures.

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## SVELTE SALIENTTE IN SWIM SUIT STARTLES STAFF

AS first releases of last Thursday's "Dominion" infiltrated VUC, eyes popped on the top floor of the Gym: Salient staffers, used to most sort of shocks, were seeing one of their number in a more comprehensive fashion and a new light.

Fully featured, finely filling form

fitting water wear was Salient staffer (Distribution Manager) Fudge Fougere. Fudge, no mean athlete and a keen tennis player, looked like one of the reasons attendances at tennis matches are large when she showed also a 1950 model tennis suit.

Suggestions that the editor—with so much home grown talent on the premises—is thinking of bringing out future issues complete with technicolour cover girls, are officially discredited.

## KOREA The UN View

NOW that the first wave of hysteria has passed over a little and some information has drifted in, the situation may now be reviewed with a little more calm. The following brief account is fully substantiated by (in fact drawn from) UN sources and may be accepted as true beyond question.

On June 25 midnight the first rumours of the outbreak of hostilities in Korea reached the Secretary-General of UN, Trygve Lie, who immediately cabled to the United Nations Commission in Korea for a report which was on hand a few hours later and read to an emergency meeting of the Security Council held at 2 p.m., together with a statement, received from the US Ambassador to Korea at 3 a.m.

The UN Commission on Korea consists of members drawn from Australia, China, El Salvador, France, India, the Philippines and Turkey and was established to deal with the problems of unifying Korea and conducting elections by the General Assembly in November 1947.

Its report to the Security Council on June 25 stated that during early morning about 4 a.m. on June 25 (Korean time) a full-scale invasion was launched by North Korean forces all along the 38th parallel. At 11 a.m. (9 p.m. N.Y.T.) a declaration of war was rumoured over the North Controlled Pyongyang Radio but no confirmation was available. At 1.35 p.m. (K.T.) the Pyongyang Radio broadcast an accusation of an attack by Southern forces during the night. This charge was denied by the President and Foreign Minister of the Republic and likewise has remained unconfirmed.

## Mr. Lie Speaks

Speaking to the Security Council, Lie declared the action of North Korea a violation of the General Assembly resolution of 21/10/49, as well as of the United Nations Charter, and considered it the clear duty of the Council to take the necessary steps to re-establish peace in that area. After discussion to revised US resolution calling for (1) cessation of hostilities and withdrawal to the 38th parallel; (2) UNCOK to send recommendations and to observe withdrawal; (3) assistance to be given by UN members to South was adopted by Security Council.

The Security Council met again on June 27 to hear reports from UNCOK. The Commission's view was that "judging from actual progress of operations, Northern forces are carrying out well planned, concerted and full scale invasion of South Korea. Second, that South Korean forces were deployed on wholly defensive basis in all sections of the parallel and third, that they were taken completely by surprise, as they

had no reason to believe from intelligent sources that invasion was imminent."

After consideration of all other available evidence, the Council adopted (seven to one majority, two abstentions) the US resolution recommending assistance to the Southern republic. On the same day orders were given to US air and sea forces to give cover and support to Southern forces in accordance with resolution of June 25.

The UN Commission has since the outbreak of hostilities repeatedly broadcast to North Korea and made approaches—but in vain. Its opinion was that if some action were not taken immediately, the question of a cease fire and withdrawal would prove "academic."

On June 29, a reply was received at Lake Success from the North Korean Government stating that the Security Council's decision was illegal because (1) the Korean People's Democratic Republic had not been consulted, (2) the USSR member was absent and Communist China was not admitted to the Security Council.

## Non-support

The USSR, Poland and Czechoslovakia attacked the Council's resolution on the grounds of its alleged illegality insofar as that the Soviet Union had not participated in the voting, and Communist China was not represented. A Soviet reply received by the American ambassador at Moscow on June 29 to a note submitted to the Soviet Foreign Minister on June 27, calling attention to the North Korean invasion, and asking the Soviet Government to "use its influence with the North Korean authorities to withdraw their invading forces immediately," accused the South of aggression and stated that the Soviet Union adhere to the policy of non-interference in the internal affairs of other states.

On June 30, the Council met again to consider replies of members. Only three members out of 58 — USSR, Poland and Czechoslovakia—opposed the UN action, two abstained, and Yemen.

Meanwhile, the North Korean forces continued an all-out successful offensive, openly flouting the authority of United Nations.

(1) UN Bulletin, Vol. IX, No. 2, July 15, 1950.

—R. E. BLAZEY

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## AT VUC, LOVE LIFE LOST

VUC Debating Society's biggest audience for 1950 (over 100) saw the letter-laden sages of the staff win out by the whole vote after a battle of brains. "The advantages of a university education" were not over-rated for the staff, whose academic prowess helped them through the weaker side of the case.

John Beaglehole, Ph.D. (London), M.A., Joan Stevens, M.A. (Oxon), M.A., and John McCreary, M.A., faced the unornamented student trio—Maurie McIntyre, Denny Garrett and Burton Newenham. Both the student audience's vote and the judge's (Rev. Gardener Scott) vote went to the novices, Union Prize results were announced after the tumult had died.

Chairman J. D. Milburn, no tyro himself, introduced the speakers, and the smooth attack of John Beaglehole lost no time in getting under way as a lecturer, he would make a good con. man. "Hear them, by all means," he said of his opponents, "but take no notice of what they say." Economically, spiritually and politically, the university was useless: graduates were poorly paid; their spiritual education here did nothing more than to "pump them up with bad materialism, like a motor tire, to send them rolling down the hill to perdition." His smooth delivery, his persuasive approach and his exquisitely constructed sentences made him the easiest speaker of the evening. With no mayors and no Prime Ministers among our graduates, we felt indeed unimportant. "Don't come to the university if you wish to become respectable—flee at once." . . . (before the collection? asked an interjector).

### Reformation

Maurie McIntyre looked calmly at Dr. Beaglehole's eternal truths, and proclaimed himself the Reformation—he too, had eternal truth. No graduate a P.M.? Surely this proved the advantage of a university education. He deplored the absence of any standard to judge this over-rating by: the affirmative had given him none, so he set his own—the study of intellectual disciplines. It was impossible to over-rate the ideal; and even the present real education couldn't be over-rated. The staff themselves were guilty of under-rating—why, this was the first time they had bothered to co-operate with their students!

This very debate proves the futility of education, proclaimed Miss Stevens, going on nevertheless. N.Z. university education is the world's best, and look at it. "There is a seriousness about these students who stagger up the hill to morning lectures at five to eight, eight o'clock, five past, ten past. . . ." But where does it get them. We should devote the ISS collection to helping Indian students stay away from university.

### Information

But she was really worried about women and university. "There are two kinds of women. . . ." she assured an astonished audience. . . . "those who get married and those who don't" (There is a middle course

remarked someone). If they marry, then he's bound to be the wrong man—a graduate. Her colleagues illustrated this point. Home Science Grads could at least marry doctors ("free delivery") who were so eligible. Why, we can't even knit in lectures. Women learn nothing at varsity as it simply isn't ordered for their needs. They do learn how to queue, admittedly, but the rest of their education was unfitting (K.B.O.B.: This isn't a corsetry school). The spinsters were even worse off: if they come here as lecturers, they work long hours, they climb the hill—and not even hill money.

"It is surely an unusual situation to see three members of the staff negating their own best interests," suggested Denny Garrett who commented that he agreed the evening would prove the case—for the negative. Here were three staff members impartially examining their own right to exist: capably arguing a case which they couldn't believe: being quite derogatory about university staffs. Surely this showed the advantages of university education—the impartial questioning of truths was basic to a university, and the staff were proving that they lacked not in integrity. Their capable argument without real belief proved their fitness for a legal life—no mean advantage: their slighting remarks about graduates was proof of their modesty—another advantage. Since these were the epitome of education, he suggested that they were living refutation of their own case.

Miss Stevens, he said, had dealt with women in general for 12 minutes, he had dealt with one in particular for five years and was by no means so pessimistic about university women. He proved the rest of his case by showing that society in general, students and the public, all under-rated these advantages. He quoted the best possible authorities for his contentions—the two books of one, Dr. J. C. Beaglehole. These showed quite clearly that the society under-rated its educated people so much that they were ultimately persecuted (and to the individual, as he said, it wasn't really such a disadvantage to be persecuted out of existence nowadays).

Now come, come, adjured John McCreary. It's all very well to talk

about the university education, but where in fact does it come in? Where on earth was the full rounded personality which he had been hearing about going to develop inside the walls of a university? We were surprised to hear that we were guilty of all sorts of horrible sounding psychological quirks—retroactive inhibition? was it? Anyway it was clear that the roseate gleam of reminiscence when we looked back over past activities at VUC was all a figment of our own imagination.

### Alsatian

In what club does the full personality develop? Why, the one place one might expect—the Philosophical Society—he assured us had had to bolster up its attendances with an Alsatian pup! The Debating Society had once flourished: wit and humour had been its marks. Now he saw that these things were only imagination. It had flourished like the green bay tree; now it was withering ("was that the Alsatian pup?") . . . and there was no health in it. In what department would one get a full rounded personality ("not in the Psychology Department anyway")? The social activities were the best—and the Drinking Horn would at least produce the full man. From the cemetery one might take away impressions which one would carry all one's lives. ("They get round to walking after a while.") Mr. Garrett's impartiality, he said, was in fact gross stupidity—imagine people calmly slitting their own throats. In a dilemma, he left us.

"Dr. Beaglehole has been so impressed with the importance of being earnest that he has forgotten to be John" quoth Burton Newenham in the best crack of the evening. "And Mr. McCreary has slit his own throat and left us to clean up the bleeding mess."

Could anyone seriously deny that the type of education which was represented by von Zelditz was incapable of being over-rated? Certainly there were defects—but still university education was under-rated, not over-rated. He instanced the sort of treatment which graduates in various departments received. We do retain some intangibles from our university life, even when he don't realise this. But the university itself under-rates the advantages of university education. Why otherwise would students have had to have so many debates this year in that "great draughty barn down there?" Why else are the library facilities jammed; the caf. inadequate and the lecture system outmoded? Because the university doesn't realise the true advantages and it doesn't strain to make them capable of realisation.

### Abomination

Speakers from the floor had meat to chew on: Mr. Braybrooke went first to the lion's den: he chose the obvious side. "I am no genius," he

placitudoously announced. ("We did think you looked like Mr. Belvedere," commented Mr. O'Brien). "When I was a child the long beards of my town told me if I went to university, I'd go far: I went, but here I am." The lecture system, he epigrammed, is a process of casting imitation pearls before real swine.

While Mr. Curtin was astounded to hear that Miss Stevens had informed the chairman that there was one more type of woman than he knew about, Mr. Cook proclaimed that he had surveyed the university—from the staff side of the platform, one imagined—and had seen in it too much seriousness ("Had you a mirror there," cut in Mr. Robinson).

Mr. Foy asserted that there were real advantages in university education—the lawyer knew best what he could get away with; the accountant could cook his income tax returns much better; even for the butchers and trade unions secretaries which the learned doctor had quoted, a doctor for the one or a Jock Barnes with his degree for the other, was proof of the advantage.

### Acceleration

Maurice O'Brien had the time extended at 10 p.m.—to allow two O'Briens to speak. He himself supported the students for 50 per cent. of the time and left the rest to his senior partner who, renegging on the staff, proceeded to take the three-fold divisions offered by each side and multiply them out—if he had time. By a rapid shift into top gear and much mental skidding around dangerous corners in the argument, he finished in five minutes flat. He must be one of the fastest speakers this side of Dunbar Sloane's.

The summing up was all that could follow this high speed forensic arithmetic; and Mr. McIntyre had to solve Mr. McCreary's dilemma before the evening was out. He did so with ease. What, had Miss Stevens found no love life at university? he asked (Mr. O'Brien had earlier wished that Miss Stevens had just been at VUC for her student days). As Mr. McIntyre argued that he had no case to attack, he felt that the staff had been rather unfair in thus spiking his guns.

Dr. Beaglehole was moved; he was stirred; he was excited. "Almost thou persuadest me," he said—but was unregenerately on the side of staff still.

Rev. Gardner-Scott (no Portuguese he) had a pleasant little story to tell, apart from the summing up of the judge. As a Presbyterian minister, he was one out of the box. He placed Messrs. Newenham, Garrett and McIntyre in the first places in that order; he told another story, and he ceased his delightful accent too soon.

Chairman Milburn consulted frantically with secretary Curtin: the Union Prize went to Mr. Garrett after the year's aggregate had been

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## SLF ON STUDENT NEEDS

**A** LREADY in last week's "Salient" you have read one of the chief results of the N.Z. Student Labour Federation's Winter Conference (held in Dunedin during Winter Tournament), the Open Letter to the students of New Zealand to sign the Stockholm Appeal and work in every way for the securing of a lasting peace.

Delegates from the AUC Labour Club, VUC and CUC Socialist Clubs and the OU Radical Club, were acutely aware of the close relation between world peace and our educational and living standards. Increased arms expenditure naturally means a cut in the budget for education and social services. War itself threatens the lives and homes of the people. SLF is linking the appeal, and other concrete activity for peace, with the organisation of a campaign for the economic welfare of students.

The Bursary Proposals, completed at last by a hard-worked committee (many thanks to Ephra Garrett for tireless secretarial work, and to the Registrars and Students' Associations of the colleges for helpful co-operation), were endorsed by the conference, and are to be presented soon to the NZUSA executive. Small changes in the 1948 scheme (reprinted in "Salient") include raising the requested living allowance for students living at home from £117 to £140 to meet the rising cost of living.

Clubs also propose to help NZUSA out in the investigating of student boarding conditions; it is possible that, if the findings are as bad as they are expected to be, SLF will suggest a radically revised national hostel system, part-administered by NZUSA, and Government-subsidised.

Resolutions supporting the right of self-government of all nations were carried, with special reference to South-east Asia. One resolution called for the immediate peaceful settlement of the Korean dispute by a full meeting of the Security Council (including the Chinese People's Republic) together with representatives of all affected parties.

The Federation further decided to co-operate with all organisations genuinely struggling to maintain

peace, freedom and living standards, and specifically mentioned united work with the N.Z. Progressive Youth Leagues. Co-operation is also to be intensified with WFDY, IUS and the World Peace Congress; and with such organisations working for similar aims under similar conditions as the British and Australian Student Labour Federations, the Dutch Organisation of Progressive Student Youth and the American Student Labour Youth League.

Clubs seem to be in a healthy state. AUCLC was represented by Mr. Brian Fox, VUCSC by Mr. Conrad Bollinger, CUCSC by Mr. Colin Clark, and OURC by Messrs. Max Goodey and Ken Mayo.

Conference closed with the singing of the "Red Flag."

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## VISITORS DEBATE

**A** LWAYS the highlight of the Debating year at VUC, the annual visitors' debate is scheduled for the end of next week—Friday, September 22.

The 1948 debate between Martin Findlay (Labour) and R. M. Algie (National) was the last time the Society debated the usual proposition "That this House has no confidence in the present Government." On that occasion, there were fireworks enough to suit even Guy Fawkes who also had been into Parliament. Interjections were quite on the top of the Society's form. The 1949 debate between members of the Federation of Labour and members of the Communist Party left the usual subject for one almost as topical: the election year made it hard to get Parliamentary speakers. Then, too, fireworks occurred in full force throughout the evening. The Lower Gym was perhaps not so full as in '48 (when it was packed) but it made up for it in liveliness.

This year the probability is that the Society will get back to its annual subject with four Parliamentary speakers. 8 p.m. on the 22nd ought to see the crowds there in full force.

The secretary for the Society wishes to announce that preferential booking for seats will be given on application to the Society. Students eligible will be those who have attended lectures in more than twelve consecutive sessions at VUC.

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## SUCCESS FOR SOCCER ELEVEN

**W**ITH a well deserved win over "Swifts" last Saturday, the Senior B eleven is assured of a place in the top Division next year. After a shaky start the boys settled down to some neat play with Compton, Meull, Walls, Richardson and Spiers playing splendid football. With luck, the score might have been more.

Although no laurels were won by the Tournament team, this local success is very gratifying indeed. Only three senior players went South to Otago. To be promoted to Senior A status is one thing, but to maintain the team up there is another: for competition is keener there, and everyone knows about the shifting personnel of varsity clubs. The only solution seems to be to invite outside players to join the club. It is intended to approach the Exec. about this. Players who have been connected with other universities would be given first preference. Our club is not big enough to field a senior XI without the help of outsiders. Only in this way can we hope to maintain our team in Senior A.

Most credit for success goes to Jack Walls who has done much in getting the team together each week. Richardson has been the backbone of the team. No less than 25 players took part in the matches played, and there were seven different goalies—of whom Hayman, Davidson and Sutton-Smith played well. Hayman impressed with his fine goal kicks and punting, while Davidson was solid and businesslike. Perhaps Sutton-Smith was the best of the trio for his all-round competence. Robinson has become a solid full-back. The "find" of the season was Saxton who hails from England; he has the makings of a good full back if he cuts out his tendency to dribble too much. His heading is the finest in the club. Right half Bal Reddy has been slower and a little disappointing this year. Centre half Richardson can't be faulted in any respect, and he is master of the slide tackle. M. Spiers at left half has always been sound on attack and defence, while S. Spiers at right wing had bad luck in getting a fractured arm. His form suffered as a result, but he made up for it with a dashing display in the last game of the season. Compton (inside or wing) is energetic, and has scored two goals from corner kicks—directly; no mean feat. Walls as an inside forward, is the hardest toiler—noted for his lovely ground passes. Gray is a game player and is not afraid to tackle anyone, has been a bit unlucky at times when his shots hit the cross bar. Konda Reddy has

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impressed with his powerful play, but a weak ankle has hampered him. Seager is a new player who has performed well and worked tirelessly. Meull is by far the most versatile player and the fastest. His excellent ball control and foot-work have baffled many.

Below is a table for the year's results: the club can be proud:

Played:	17 games
Won:	11
Lost:	5
Drew:	1
Goals for:	50
Against:	28
Ch. points:	21

(Note: two games for the Chatham Cup and Victory Cup did not count for championship.)

B.L.R.

## MEN WANTED!

The Executive wishes the following posts to be filled from applications: these will close on September 30 with the Hon. Secretary.

Editor, Cappicade, 1951.

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totalled—marking the unusual sight of an award going to a speaker who won the prize without winning a debate (six times two appears to make one). Mr. Newenham had been coming up fast into second place.

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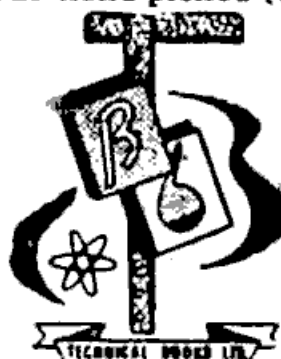


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