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VICTORIA WOMEN UNVEILED

RESULTS OF OUR SURVEY

WOMEN can no longer lay claim to being the eternal enigma. Owing to Salient's enthusiastic efforts the "mysterious" veil has been torn away for ever. No longer need future generations be faced with the esoteric problem of what to do. For printed below are the results of a survey conducted by Salient throughout this term. As Dr. Kinsey's and as Henri Freud's New Zealand representatives we take pleasure in presenting this short guide, especially adapted for New Zealand conditions.

"Salient" asked the University matrimonial observer to voice his opinions on the subject. Suitably re-written, they appear as follows: "It's clothes that make the difference. Think how dull and uninteresting life would be if nobody wore clothes." We joined him in thought for a few moments, and were then forced to disagree. "What!" he said, "you think that people shouldn't wear clothes?" He seemed astounded. "Why don't you see, if everybody was a nudist, the whole fabric of society would be destroyed. Besides, it would leave nothing to the imagination." Reluctantly, then, we agreed. We were about to depart when he restrained us, and we could see that there was a wild fanatical gleam in his eye. "The saying is 'clothes maketh a man'; that's not true . . ." he paused, "but think what they do to the woman!"

Thus disposing of the subject of clothes, we asked him his views on university woman in general. After we had soothed him to the point of intelligibility, we understood him to

say that he was having nothing more to do with them. We backed away horrified, and asked him why. "I'm getting married next week," he cried in despair. We turned and fled.

In the caf, we came across a rather ill dressed and badly manicured gentleman who was clearly in need of a haircut. He was an obvious boulder, and besides his shoes were dirty. "And what," we asked, "do you think of Varsity women and their clothes?" He replied briefly. "I wrote to you last week and you printed what I said. Why ask me again?"

The next member of the public consulted, looked at us blankly. "I fail to perceive the point of the question. What are women?" we started to explain in idiomatic French, but he stared at us blankly. "Surely, everyone is just like me?" he queried. We stared back at him, and silently agreed with the Frenchman.

One young and disillusioned student had this to say:

"The history of man is due in very large part to women. As a student

of history, I have made it my duty to study the weaker sex. I must confess that my studies have not been entirely distasteful. Women, I have decided are readily subdivisible. Like all Gaul, womankind is divided into three parts. Those with brains, those with looks, and those with neither. There are large quantities of the latter in the history department; without wishing to criticise them at all I would like to say that they are the plainest and most moronic group of semi-stultified near humans that I have ever seen.

"If any of them go on to do honours, all I can say is that they will need them. And, I might add, they will never be in any danger of losing them. The men, on the other hand, are the most intelligent and handsome group that any girl could ever hope to ogle. It just ain't right."

Therefore, we asked these men their opinion of women, curious to see what place environment held in the adopting of attitudes to women. Our first customer grew misty-eyed at the question. "Women are living

pieces of art," he burred, "not the art of camouflage but the art of Leonardo, Titian, Beethoven, Shakespeare!" WE bleached. "But what do you think of the females in this department?" we asked. He said he had never really noticed them, but had we met the glorious creature whom he had set his heart on? We departed when he had dreamily used his sixtieth adjective about her.

The next character muttered something about St. Augustine, Plato and other writers. He grew lyrical about the enfranchisement of women, but said he had not had any experience of them. We later noted that he had departed with our stenographer.

This is enough to cover the girls. (We are not referring to the width of the margin.) We have seen them from all angles. If there are any girls left around the college next week we hope to hear their views on men. A third and concluding article has been promised by a well-known resident of Weir House, on a subject which will be a neat blend of the other two, and on which he is well qualified to write. So watch out, Kinsey, you're being got at!

HABEAS CORPUS

WHAT do readers really think of "Salient"? Do they think it a true and accurate expression of student opinion, or the work of a minority group? Do they think it useful and interesting or a waste of paper and money? Perhaps students have heard a whisper of the move to make "Salient" a compulsory, free (i.e., paid for out of the Stud. Ass. fee) newspaper; the question was raised at the A.G.M. and dismissed without a full discussion. The purpose of this article is to clarify the points of the issue at stake. We pay £2/5/- per year as Stud.Ass. fees; if "Salient" were to be financed from this it would mean an additional payment of two or three shillings, supposing that costs could not be cut down in other directions.

The main revenue of a newspaper of this type is advertisements. Our circulation is limited to the members of this college (actually it is just over five hundred) and advertisers, being businessmen, are not slow to realise this. They look on an ad. in "Salient" not as an advertisement but as a mere hand-out. Advertising fees reached an all-time high last year of £124 approx., but this year will not approach that figure. It is easy to see from these figures that "Salient" cannot help but "make a loss." It does this in common with all other college newspapers, so there is no cause for alarm on that score. What means of support have we then? Do we rely, as many of Wellington's population seem to think, on hidden subsidies from the Communist Party? No; the loss is simply passed on to the Exec., which means that the very students who consider our newspaper a waste of time are forced to support it.

This may appear unfair, but it is this state of affairs that keeps the whole Exec. organisation on its feet. We pay for clubs with memberships of, at most, two or three hundred, we all pay for the capping procession which half the college neither takes part in nor even sees. We have only to go to one of the dances sponsored by the association to see how much support it is getting from the very people whom it represents. Admittedly our mid-victorian tram-burn is a most depressing place to have a hooly, but we can never hope for our legendary student union building unless we help ourselves. Even Extrav., undoubtedly good entertainment, was not supported by most students, who could have gone along on Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday when the houses were thinner than usual. All these things

stand as examples of the old incredible student apathy, for which Victoria is renowned throughout the nation.

It is the lot of the college clubs to overcome this apathy. How many members would these clubs have if they received no grant from the Exec., and each member had to pay a stiff subscription? The people who do not belong to clubs, who pay their fee grudgingly, these people make it possible for others to have the enjoyment of a full university life. The whole system is based on the many paying for the few, so why should not "Salient" be run on the same lines? Besides, just as knowing that they have already paid their entrance fee induces many people to join clubs, so knowing that they have already paid for "Salient" would induce many people to read it. Increased circulation is good for any newspaper, and no doubt the standard and coverage of the paper would improve of it. The more readers we have, the more potential contributors, both through the letters column and in actual articles. This makes for a much wider outlook, besides reducing the possibility of "Salient" becoming controlled by a minority group, a situation which has admittedly occurred in the past.

It would seem then, that the advantages of the scheme would be mainly those of increased circulation. More money to play with; more people reading and contributing to the paper, and perhaps an increase in the number of pages and better newsprint. The question is, would this scheme result in increased circulation? The editor has said that we would "need a store-room for the uncollected copies," and it might well be that

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Exec. Meeting

THE second meeting of the Exec. was held on Monday last, July 13. Correspondence contained replies from H.B. and D.I.C. regarding blazers. The D.I.C. stated explicitly that that firm has always insisted on chits from the secretary before ordering blazers for anyone. Several members of the Exec. had personally obtained their blazers without a chit, and the following motion was passed (moved McCaw, seconded Miss Lescher), "That unless prices or quality of cloth quoted by the D.I.C. are more favourable than those quoted by H.B., the Students' Association blazers be in future purchased from the latter firm. . . ."

A letter from the City Solicitor ("Re Unauthorised Markings on Roadway") stated that the association's ex gratia payment of £3 towards the cost of removing the aforesaid marks, had been handed to the council clerk.

Publicity memorandum re N.U.A.U.S. N.Z.U.S.A. travel exchange scheme was read, and details may be seen elsewhere in this issue.

After hearing the Publication Committee's report, the following motions were carried:

Moved McCaw, seconded Galvin: "That the Students' Association do not publish an issue of 'Spike' this year." The reasons for this are evident—too late in the year to amass the contributions, collect advertisements, etc.

"That it is recommended that 'Spike' be published triennially, the next issue being in 1954."

"That the purpose of 'Spike' shall be primarily of the nature of a his-

tory of the activities of the various clubs and societies of the Students' Association . . ."

Refreshments

At this point, Mr. Free asked the secretary to pass round his peppermints, and to stop being such a . . . Then, joyfully sucking peppermints, the Exec. continued their meeting.

Mr. John Cody was officially appointed editor of the Literary Issue of "Salient," and another motion was passed making him responsible to the editor of "Salient" proper. Mr. Galvin commented on the psychological effect of the editor on the staff. The possibility of publishing an Orientation Handbook was referred to the Finance Committee meeting on Tuesday evening, July 21. The need for this booklet was stressed, and it remains to be seen whether the finances of the association can stand the cost of about 2000 per year to be distributed to the senior forms of the main secondary schools in this area. The College Council may possibly be willing to assist in the matter of a subsidy in this matter. At the present time, the liaison officer, Mr. Hogg, has been distributing a mediocre brochure, sponsored by the council, but its format is both unattractive and uninformative on the affairs of most interest to potential freshers.

The gym controller, Trev. Turner, is to be congratulated on his enthusiasm and industry in having the electrical fittings in the gym attended, and it appears that there is no need to have the place re-wired. Electric light globes, however, are continually disappearing from the gym. Mr. Galvin suggested that Mr. Turner stay in the upper gym at nights, equipped with a sleeping bag and a hot-gun to protect public property.

The caf report was presented by

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Salient

CENSORSHIP AND SEX

THE showing of "The Blue Angel," and "The New York Times" recently devoting a whole page to the fact that several hundred books of forty authors have been banned from U.S. Libraries, have prompted us to comment on the problem of censorship. It is a wide problem which affects each one of us. We shall deal with one aspect—censorship and sex, saying at the beginning that we are definitely against censorship of any kind.

The main defence for non-censorship is that sex is often the basis of art. Those who determine what books, plays, films are to be circulated may realise this: they may always ask themselves the question, "Behind this display of sordidness, unbridled passions, is there art, is there Truth?" The answer is often difficult, because art has a habit of changing dress, with public taste as the wardrobe mistress. The censors may object to a low cut night gown, but it is the current fashion. There was "danger" of immoral influences in "Tom Sawyer" and "Huckleberry Finn," "Jane Eyre," "The Scarlet Letter," "Adam and Bede," and H. K. Muddleston's little-known book "The Golden Flame." The books are now recognised works of art, yet they were banned by the censors. A group of fallible men ruling the destiny of art! An exaggeration perhaps. But the smothering of even one "art" piece is to be condemned.

We suppose there was a stir in ancient Greece when fig-leaves were abolished. Music—Samuel Johnson's "only sensual pleasure without vice"—of course suffers the least. Yet psychologists tell us that Jazz is one of the major causes of illegitimate babies: and there is that classical example of the "love scene" that had to be performed with the curtains of the double-bed drawn, while the much more suggestive music was allowed to play on. Censorship is a tight-rope job. One man can be sensually stirred by a comic strip; while another is left cold by elaborately sordid descriptions of sexual relationships. So much is in the balance: the censor may save a nation from mass moral degradation (if such a thing is possible, which we doubt) or repress a great work of art, or bowdlerise it out of recognition. What are the censor's set of standards?

We suggest that he has none and in fact, needs none. Release all the novels, films, and let the people decide on its merits: for after all they are apparently responsible for what goes on in the Democratic State. One noted sociologist has said that "the more people a medium of expression reaches, the purer it gets by voluntary action." Even this is unnecessary, as the average producer, playwright or novelist, aware of public morals, and his own returns from the "box-office," cherishing his own reputation, dares not stoop too low, for fear of offending the public taste. What a censor may say about his work is like "an echo of a faded rubber stamp."

So much for adults. What about children? We prefer to think that they should be lead, not by the state, but by their parents. They usually respect their parents; but a book, play or film that has been banned by the State always has some sinister extra attraction. If this thing that "grown-ups" call "sex" is surrounded by some mysterious veil of "hush-hush," we feel that some unnatural attitude will develop. Besides, banned books always circulate. We would rather children learnt the facts of life from the bookshelf next to the fire place in the drawing-room than from furtive readings of banned books (with discussion to follow) behind the locked doors of the washhouse.

Is the censor, then, out of a job? Perhaps the government could employ him to prepare a "gazette" which could be sent out to each household once a month. Its sole purpose would be a guide to current books, plays or films. Such an enlightenment, we feel, would be advisable.

Our comment on the problem of censorship is unavoidably brief. Our main purpose has been to make the student aware that things are not what they should be. Hundreds of books have been banned from U.S. Libraries, political books or otherwise. (We have chosen to discuss sex because it is less easy to defend.) That's not freedom of speech. That's not democracy, but an imitation of Totalitarianism. What can we do?

I. R.

EXEC. MEETING

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the Caf Controller, in which it was stated that the caf would continue to serve meals on Friday nights, and the people in charge did not appreciate the following: noise, people who flick matches there, and again, noise. Why was Diana Lescher blushing?

The next item was a motion by Miss Lescher, who had regained composure, reading as follows:

"That the City Council's permission be sought for students to take up a collection for charity during Proceesh next year."

Messrs. Beaglehole and Terry supported an amendment substituting the words "Overseas Student Relief" for "charity." This amendment was lost 5/8. The original motion was carried, 8-4.

A motion supporting amendments to the N.Z.U.S.A. Tournament Constitution were moved by Mr. Chatwin and were subsequent carried. The new rules will, if carried by N.Z.U.S.A. at Auckland in August, enable the best team to gain the most points irrespective of size.

Tim Beaglehole: "The best college always wins."

Trev. Turner: "Yes, don't we?" Liaison officers for the various affiliated societies and clubs were posted, and secretaries should now know who their Exec. representative is. The purpose of these appointments is to enable clubs and societies to use the executive as pawns.

N.Z.U.S.A. delegates appointed were: Miss Elaine Foote and Messrs. Beaglehole and McCaw.

Blues Committee: Messrs. K. F. M. Uttley, M. O'Connor, D. Tossman and Miss B. Young.

Mr. Galvin was requested to place "Femina" in the women's common room. The dud electric light on the path leading past the gym to the Little Theatre has been the cause of more Varsity romances than any other factor, not excluding the exec. meetings.

Last matter which may be called curtains for Curtin, the Misses Thom and Lescher were allocated three pounds to buy some material of a pleasant nature for making into a curtain for the Exec. room.

—B.C.S.

LETTERS

Prenatal Influence

SIR.—It was I who "defaced" a printed notice issued by the Drama Club, and a notice set out on the green blackboard at the entrance to our hall of learning. No doubt Emyln Williams' parents had ideas about the spelling of his name.

E. MIDDLETON

Capital Punishment

SIR.—In your editorial of July 1 you seem to be very uncertain as to the lawful limits of human justice, and the source of its authority. Since God gives life, you say, only he can recall it. St. Paul in his letter to the Ephesians (iii: 15, SS) says of civil authority: "There is no power but from God . . . therefore he that resisteth the power resisteth the ordinance of God." Or if you prefer the Old Testament Wisdom (vi 3: . . .) says: "Give ear you that rule the people, and that please yourselves in the multitudes of nations, for power is given you by the Lord, and strength by the Most High, who will examine your works and search your thoughts."

On the punishment of murderers the Jews received this instruction from God: Numbers (35: 16 s.s.) "If any man strike with iron, and he die that was struck, he shall be guilty of murder, and he himself shall die." The following verses reiterate this.

Since it is clear from these quotations that civil authority comes from God and He has given directions that murder is to be punished by death, it is difficult to see how you can say that capital punishment for murder and similar crimes is unchristian and outside the authority of society.

CICERO.

(We did not question the source of authority—merely its extent.—Ed.)

Overseas News

SIR.—I have noticed that there have been references to overseas university activities in "Salient" lately. This aspect could well be followed up and could well include summaries of the letters from persons who are from time to time sent to I.U.S. meetings. They are sent to represent the students here and should report back to them; and "Salient" could be the medium. To anticipate the objection that too much space would be required I would answer in the obvious manner: the summary should be a short one. If this suggestion were carried out there would be fewer blank looks at A.G.M.'s and S.G.M.'s when certain people attack and others defend I.U.S.

R.B.

HABEAS CORPUS

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all the people who are actively in this part of the university already buy "Salient." Victoria, being predominantly a Law college, is at a disadvantage compared with the other colleges in respect to the number of students who can afford the time to participate fully in the college affairs. I know this has been said before, but it is more apt than ever in this context. It is not fair to expect part-time students, who find their life full enough just rushing from job to lectures, to spend much time in college activities. And if it is not fair to expect our students to take an interest in things, through reading "Salient" even, is it fair either to expect them to pay for improvements to services which they do not use? Admittedly the precedent has been set by the rest of the amenities offered by the Exec. —the many paying for the few—but



TEXT FOR THE WEEK

IN Africa the whites are on the run. In Korea the reds are on the make. In Egypt the Britons are beset and, we fear for the younger generations sake.

At the end of the session we will be losing two of our savants, Mr. Bill Cameron, and Mr. MacKenzie from the English and Geography Departments. Both men are going to England. We always seem to lose our best men overseas. Its the old, old story.

ILLUMINATING FAIRY TALE

When the Film Society held its first meeting on Friday night it screened several Russian cartoons. Several aesop tales had been given a political bias, i.e., the big bad western world wolf. Said one bright young bit of fluff (who has appeared in our column before), doesn't that illustrate the difference between the Russians and us; they consider the wolf's political significance whereas we think of him as something determined and virile.

(I hope all young ladies don't think of a wolf in that way.)

DENIAL

The recent rumour that the two assistant editors of "Salient" have got engaged (to each other) is untrue, false, and totally unreliable. Recent investigations have proved that there is nothing to the story at all. But we would advise whoever started the rumour to get out of town quick.

DEBUTANTES

Varsity socialites who were presented to the Exceñencies included Exec. member Diana Lescher and Bernadette Canty, Jocelyn Cooper, Margaret Lane, Mary Clare MacKenzie, Ruth Kingsford, Mary Anne Turner, Pamela Browne, Diana Fus-sell.

We were very pleased to meet a palpitating Commerce student the other day, who pressed into our clammy hand this verse—
To be kissed by a Tory
Sounds well in a story
But put into practice
Is boring and gory.

A man who votes Labour
Does well as a neighbour
But you fight to recover
If he acts as a lover
And there's something you've missed
If you've never been kissed
By a Communist.

He then departed, after assuring us that he felt the advice would be of interest to Victorian maidens.

whether this should be followed in the running of "Salient" readers alone can judge.

—G.O.L.

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VIKINGS IN THE SUNRISE

PETER BUCK'S progress to eminent scholarship parallels the progress of many other brilliant men; humble beginnings, his own energy and great ability.

Sir Peter Buck's father was an Irish man and his mother belonged to the North Taranaki tribe called the Ngati-Mutunga. From this background this Peter Buck emerged son of an Irish rabbit, son of a mother who belonged to a tribe imbibed by land confiscations by the N.Z. Government, and fanatical followers of Tephiti. Peter Buck inherited his Irish father's gaiety and a deep interest and sympathy with the problems of his tribe.

When he went to Te Aute College he could only continue his studies by earning money during the holidays. Another great Maori, Sir Apirana Ngata, had the backing of a tribe to help him in his career, but Peter Buck was alone and independent. While at Te Aute, Buck's original plan was to sit for matriculation and study for a B.A., but, one his teachers and two a medical bursary of sixty pounds a year changed his mind. He studied and graduated at Otago University.

From then on Peter Buck held a variety of positions. He was the Director of Maori Health and Hygiene in Otago for some years.

In 1909 Peter Buck became a member of Parliament representing the Northern Maori. With Sir Apirana Ngata Peter Buck collaborated in passing land reforms which were surprisingly farsighted and little known.

Throughout his busy life Peter

Buck's wide interest led him to study ethnology and in particular Maori textiles. This illustrates the man's versatility. Besides the preoccupation of his work he studied and did much research into Maori artifacts, so much so that his writings in the Polynesian society's journal and elsewhere attracted the interest of the Bernice P. Bishop museum of Honolulu.

In 1927 this museum offered Peter Buck a position as field ethnologist. Buck's age was 50 when he accepted this position; this testifies to a youthfulness of mind in such a man, to take up a new career which entailed much travelling and research. Success and recognition came early to him. He rose to become one of the directors of the museum and a world renowned scholar and author upon the Polynesian peoples.

Throughout his life of study and scholarship Peter Buck retained a gay and lovable demeanour and this was noted among those who he worked with.

This material was supplied by Mr Eric Ramsden, the biographer of Sir Peter Buck. The book is in its first stages and when it is printed it will add to the scanty biographical literature of N.Z. and a record of the life of such a great Maori scholar cannot help but be a great contribution.

—JAMES HANNAN.

Drama Club Study Weekend

THE Drama Club's study weekend was again held on John Wright's invitation at his parent's Waikanae Beach home. Twenty-one members of the club were in residence from Friday, July 10, till the Sunday evening, whilst one or two others travelled out on the Saturday and Sunday to join in the play readings.

The River Line (Morgan), Henry IV pt. II (Shakespeare), The Forest (Cresswell), The Doll's House (Ibsen) and Waters of the Moon (Hunter) were the plays chosen to be read. Count Albany (Carswell), the club's British Drama League entry, was read and rehearsed under the producer, Ross Gilbertson.

The reading of plays was not the only source of dramatic interest. A study of Gavin Yates was worthy of any young actor's attention, for in Gavin we saw the epitome of an utterly dejected being who remained much in solitude, sleeping and dreaming and pining for the one he had left behind for two days in Wellington.

On Sunday morning after a night "amongst horrid shapes, and shrieks, and sights unholy" we rose from "golden slumber on a bed" and read Henry IV pt. II. Late that afternoon after further readings we were taken to the beach on location, where Ian Rich directed and cameraman Ross Gilbertson and Gavin Yates shot scenes for a film which included Pauline Kermodé and John McLean in the Sunset Ballet Duet; Bill Sheat dancing the "light fantastic . . . with quips and cranks and wonton wiles" and Graham Patchett and John Marchant reincarnating with "wreathed smiles" and many Venus scenes reminiscent of Rudolph Valentino. In the sand hills a scene with the Miltonic superscription, "Here perhaps some beauty lies, The Cynosure of neighbouring eyes," was shot where Rosemary Lovegrove and Bill Sheat enacted the love

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scenes so essential to a film which may have no story, whilst the third side of the triangle Bernadette Canty "So bucksom, blithe and debonaire" sat invitingly on the garden gate.

In the last sequence to be filmed the whole cast (prompted by a cowboy and Indian film, Sugarfoot, seen the previous evening in Waikanae) "in wanton heed and giddy cunning, their melting voices through mazes running" (with Judy Goodman as the heroine mounted on David Bridges as the horse) executed scenes of violence and melodrama which may well have been the envy of a Carol Reed or John Houston.

Finally, in the words of the film Sugarfoot, the Drama Club is indeed "obligated" to John Wright as host, and "felicitated" to Pauline Kermodé for her kindness as hostess.

—John Marchant.

BADMINTON

THE inaugural meeting of the V.U.C. Badminton Club was held on July 1 about 35 students attending. The following officers were elected:—

President: Mr. W. R. Landroth.
Vice-Presidents: P. M. McCaw and P. D. Chatwin.
Club Captain: I. C. Thomson.
Deputy Club Captain: J. Rhodes.
Hon. Sec.: R. G. Gallen.
Hon. Treasurer: Jane Lee.
Committee: Jill Berry, R. C. Schroder.

The object of the club is to get the game going in the college with the idea of playing inter-club in Wellington, and pressing for the inclusion of badminton at Winter Tournament. The other colleges seem to have strong clubs and even now Victoria could field a strong team. Possibly an unofficial contest will be held at Auckland this year, the club has two courts at the Winter Show Buildings on Friday nights from 8 p.m. till 11 p.m. The attendances so far have been 20, 25 and 45, and the game seems very popular. New members are welcome, no previous experience being necessary. A team is to play Training College in the near future, and similar fixtures with other Wellington clubs will be arranged throughout the season.

DEBATE
THIS FRIDAY

SEE NOTICE BOARD

A YOUNG lady recently informed us that she hasn't felt the same about religion since she left the oak and stained-glass of her school chapel, not to mention the choir, which, we were assured, was a snorter; in Wellington, she said, the degree of religious experience is considerably lower. When, however, we innocently remarked it was fortunate in that case that faith hadn't anything to do with feeling, we were treated to a spate of quotation from Professor Julian Huxley, who gets a funny feeling inside when he hears good music or goes into a gothic cathedral, and has written a book to show that all one needs to be truly religious is a periodical experiencing of what is known as this Funny Internal Feeling.

Unfortunately, Professor Huxley believes that "You may exercise your highest faculties by travel now that travel is cheap and easy," and our young lady is worried, because she can't afford to travel much further than the Hutt, where, she is afraid, her faculties won't be greatly extended.

Our assertion is that faith hasn't, has never, and will never have, anything to do with feeling, but is based upon reason and objective truth, was met with another quotation (for she is a knowledgeable child) from H. G. Wells, who said that modern religion bases its knowledge of God entirely upon experience. Mr. Wells, whose chief difference from any scholastic is that he has no use for facts in his theology, has his own conception of God; it differs from Professor Huxley's, it is true, and from that of anyone else, and even from what his own used to be, for the worst of relying on a Funny Internal Feeling is that one's feelings vary from moment to moment.

Our young lady is worried by the fact that some days she doesn't feel anything much, except depressed; but she has been brought up to believe that faith begins in the heart, not the brain, and the heart is a notoriously fickle organ.

Her distrust of thought is distressing, but at least it's up-to-date. It is also, in a way, reasonable, because when subjective thinking is substituted for objective, one doesn't get much further than the perimeter of a circle.

—THIS ADVERTISEMENT SPONSORED BY THE CATHOLIC STUDENT'S GUILD.

A Portrait of Miss Okman

BECAUSE we think that the promotion of goodwill between New Zealanders and new New Zealanders is the worthiest of worthy causes, "Salient" will print, from time to time, an interview with various undergraduates who have arrived only recently in New Zealand.

It was a case really less of "Salient" thinking up this idea than of the embodied idea approaching "Salient"; in other words, and before this metaphor is mangled to death, Miss Hanya Okman asked our assistance, and from there—well, you know how these things catch on.



Miss Okman is a White Russian from Magnitogorsk, a prominent city somewhat to the right of Moscow on the map. Miss Okman says she is extremely happy in New Zealand, likes the country and the people and thinks a New Zealand steak is heaven after the diet they had at the salt mine on the Kirghiz Steppe. The story of her escape from this salt mine, and her trek down to the Caspian Sea and subsequently to Turkey, and her adventures there, are extremely interesting, and may be published in "Salient" at some future date.

At the moment, the main issue is the point which was worrying Miss Okman. This concerned the Bachelors' Club, proposed some weeks ago by Mr. Bernie Galvin, and advertised in "Salient." Miss Okman was already worried by Mr. Galvin's proposal; but when we told her that he has just been elected secretary of the executive, she gave a cry of horror. "How terrible!" she cried. (We will not endeavour to reproduce Miss Okman's idiom, which contains some Americanisms, nor her accent, which is most attractive, but difficult to reproduce, even phonetically.) "To think of the influence he will no doubt have on those young men!"

We endeavoured to soothe Miss Okman, but in vain. She was afraid that Mr. Galvin was actuated by deviationist tendencies; but we assured her that this was not so. She was also afraid that the ultimate effect on the birth-rate may be disadvantageous; but although we pointed out that it is already unhealthy, Miss Okman would not be comforted. She argued that only immediate and drastic counter-action would be effective, and is prepared to

convene a Spinsters' Club, to meet on the same evenings as what she calls Mr. Galvin's undermining tactic, and in an adjacent room; indeed, if Mr. Galvin's cohorts meet on one side of the common common room fire, Miss Okman is prepared to line up her forces on the other side.

Miss Okman said that she is confident that the young ladies at Victoria will support her in this venture. She concluded this interview with a loud but effective rallying cry which she said was much used by the White Russians, and also proved useful to her in Turkey. It will no doubt be heard around the college in future.

Any young ladies who are interested in Miss Okman's proposal are asked to leave a note for her in the women's common room.

GOLF

IN June the inaugural meeting of the V.U.C. Golf Club was held and the following officers were elected:—

Club Captain: K. M. Phillips.
Deputy Club Captain: B. R. Boon.
Secretary-Treasurer: J. T. Kilt.
Committee: Officers plus T. M. Clayton and I. M. Longstaff.

The chief purpose of the club is to foster the game in the college and so enable V.U.C. to regain the prestige in inter-varsity golf she enjoyed in pre-war days, when the cream of Wellington's golf were representing Vic. Our team acquitted itself well at Shirley last August to gain second place behind A.U.C. and it is anticipated our chances this season are even brighter.

A number of club days will be arranged this season at different Wellington courses, and if all the golfers at V.U.C. come forward and support the club there is every prospect of a successful season.

All students interested in the activities of the club should contact a member of the committee for further information.

—B.R.B.

Students at the Polytechnic Institute of Turin went on strike on December 2, 1952, in order to force about a complete reorganisation of the curricula that are, by now fifty years old. They stated that they would have to work for 13 hours a day, if they were to get through with their assigned tasks of attending lectures and seminars, re-writing their notes, and making drawings. (Ateneo, Milan. (Ateneo, Turin).

LITERARY ISSUE

Contributions of prose, short stories, verse, critical reviews are called for the production of this year's special "SALIENT LITERARY ISSUE." Contributions need not be typed, although that is preferable, but must be to hand by August 15th.

Contact the Editor, John Cody or Peter Drone personally, or by the Men's Common Room Letter-rack.

Rugby . . . WELL PLAYED—MARIST!

FORTUNATELY for University Marist defeated Poneke on Saturday to leave University one point in the lead for the Jubilee Cup. One suspected that Marist's loudest support came from University fans who had earlier watched their team lose again. The loss of eight players to the North Island Varsityes made the substitute team's task difficult but they went close to victory. In contrast to the game against Poneke, University this week looked likely to win and, in the latter stages, played all over St. Pat's Old Boys.

Losing by the odd point in seventeen was no disgrace as St. Pat's were lucky to score their last try—a runaway effort which was difficult to prevent. Had they been given a more liberal supply of the ball from the scrums, the University backs might well have won the game. Next week the full-strength team will meet Hutt, and if they win what will probably be a thrilling game, the Cup can almost be engraved.

Although beaten in the scrums, the forwards did better in the lineouts. This week they packed round the man with the ball (often Burden) and prevented their opponents from taking the ball through at their toe. However, some of the efforts to get the ball back to Parker left him with little chance to survive fast breaking forwards. The forwards must improve in this department if the half is to give a speedy service. All the forwards went well in the tight but the loose men and the cover defence were slow off the mark. There was no forward within coo-ee of the first two St. Pat's scorers. Fisher made a valiant attempt to stop the last try but the task would have been beyond a faster forward than him.

Fitzgerald was the mainstay of the University attack but his supports were often not with him. In one run, he had to slow down and change direction to make play for winger Clark. By the time Clark received the ball, the cover defence was across and the movement was soon halted. Fitzpatrick was more the defender in the first spell when he rescued the less experienced player on a number of occasions. Parker seemed to have difficulty early in finding Fitzpatrick but his later service was quite good and although he was occasionally behind play his initiative led to some large gains of ground. In the second spell, Fitzpatrick made play for Fitzgerald and seldom sent the ball on if the latter was in a bad position. Ed-dowes was a little slow but made few mistakes and nearly scored in one strong run while Clark played a promising game on the wing. It was a pity play did not come to him more often. Muller had few chances. It is unfortunate that he lacks pace as he is a difficult man to tackle and he plays intelligent football. Harrison turned in a good game at full-back and, on occasion, added sparkle to the back line. In one movement, all the backs joined in and must surely have scored if crowding followed by a bad pass had not broken the chain.

It was an exciting game for the cold spectator as both sides threw the ball around. University's passing lacked the snap that was necessary to carry them through before the fast cover defence got across. The XV was a little unlucky this week but, with firmer grounds and a full team, they will yet win the championship.

For the sake of the record, Fitzgerald and Fitzpatrick scored tries for University and the former converted his try.

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WHAT IS A NUMBER?

A LARGER audience than is usual at Maths and Physics Society meetings gathered on Thursday evening to discover what a number really was. Amongst the regular mathematicians and physicists were a number of philosophers attracted by the provocative title "What is a Number?" or by the prospect of a free supper. Professor Campbell started with a general consideration of the rules of algebra for the natural numbers 1, 2, 3, 4 . . . , and from these developed the classes of the Integers, the Rational Numbers, Irrational Numbers and finally the Complex Numbers.

The lecture was by this time somewhat technical and primarily a consideration of properties of numbers arising from the postulates.

The ideas and methods were simple enough, but the satisfactory and sophisticated method of presenting them puzzled some. As the lecturer said, "an ordinary class would howl me down." The concepts of complex and hyper-complex numbers extended the question to a field which was new to the philosophers. Clearly far more was being considered than the question of 1, 2, 3 . . .

The Professor then went to the origins of the number theory and with an apprehensive glance at Professor Hughes, prominent in the front row, explained what sets were. He put the persons in the room in one-to-one correspondence to dairy cows and matches in a match box. (There should be 50 but there were only 46—Dr. Campbell, PhD. (Edin) counts them).

FREGE AND PEANO

Frege's theory and its classical destruction by Russell were briefly discussed, and the intriguing contradiction that the set of all ordinary sets in both ordinary and not ordinary was given to expose the dangers of using sets. The Peano postulates probably provided the audience with a theory nearer to what they had expected as the answer to the original question. The two fundamental concepts are the existence of 1 and the succession of rational numbers. Transfinite numbers were briefly mentioned; these are numbers so large that they have little individual meaning to most people through ministers of finance are expected.

After a few philosopher's definitions and an admission that the question remained unanswered a lively discussion took place. Professor Watson-Munro queried the necessity for postulating multiplication separately. Professor Peddy refused to tacitly assume the Peano postulates and the comments helped clarify some ideas. The discussion continued over supper but the question remained, for many a case of confusion worse confounded.

It appears that to grasp the full significance of number theory one must reject what we think we know and treat numbers as abstract ideas rather than symbols. The lecture was too short to go far, Prof. Campbell said he had collected sufficient material for a series of lectures, but it did indicate that the mathematician means by "a number" and suggested the lines of present-day thought on the subject. —P.T.A.

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SKI—HEIL!

RECENTLY 21 Vic. students all had the same idea for a ski holiday and so by sheer coincidence or mental telepathy or some such thing met together in the Tararua Lodge on Mt. Ruapehu.

Pam Beck and those who arrived with her at two o'clock on the Sunday morning tired and cold, expected a reception committee, which was not there so decided to wake the rest of us very effectively with "Three cheers for Hillary!"

Bernie O'Shea was unanimously elected leader and immediately made out a roster of daily duties. The boys proved themselves good cooks—quantity if not quality—we didn't starve! Not those lucky enough to be at the vultures' table anyway, which made sure of the biggest and best helpings.

You can identify these crazy ski enthusiasts (not pronounced she on this trip) around the college by their brown faces, bruised bodies and far-away looks, dreaming of ski grounds of course. But how can we explain the wonderfully-changing colour of Dieder Cotton's face?

Technical note: Lean forward on those skis but not far enough to kiss the rocks that get in the way! Intellectual arguments were held after coffee and liqueurs each evening—one of the recurring subjects being the superiority of the male. I'm afraid we of the fairer sex will have to admit that we were far surpassed by men on the ski fields—Bernie, Claude, Peter McGill and Doc Close being notable.

For good clean fun—cheer without beer, friendship without hankey-pankey, hair that turns to icicles at sub-zero temperatures, ice cream every night for dinner, rats to talk to when lonely, dried apricots for lunch at the crater lake, an increased repertoire of Varsity songs—skiing's the thing! This time pronounced sheing.

Word of warning—don't take your drinks (woops slip!) slopes straight. Start training now and join us on our next trip.

—Paddy.

SKI HUT ON RUAPEHU

AT the Annual General Meeting of the ski club it was decided that it would be desirable for Victoria University College to have a hut on Ruapehu.

The immediate necessity for the hut arises from the difficulty of the ski club in getting accommodation for its members on the mountain. One of the reasons for this is that most clubs which have huts of their own prefer to keep these for their own use.

It is clear however that in the college other interested clubs such as the tramping, biological and geological as well as staff and ex-students would also use such a hut. For these reasons it is thought that the hut should be a university one and not purely ski club.

To build a reasonable hut on Ruapehu will cost about £1000. This is based on the cost of the Manawatu club hut which is similar in pattern to the one the ski club would like to see built and which cost £750. The extra amount over this allows for increased costs and the fact that we will probably have less professional assistance.

So far in raising this amount the ski club has £60 in cash with a further £45 promised. The ski club is negotiating with the Park Board regarding a site and there will be more information regarding this in a subsequent article. The immediate need is for money.

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TABLE TENNIS

THE A grade team so far this year has not performed up to expectations. Nevertheless it is the best table tennis team Victoria has ever had. The six matches already played this season have all been lost but three were so close that they might have gone the other way.

The team's strength has been considerably reduced by the absence of Dave Marple who has been unavailable for four games. Last year Dave, Alan Robinson and Tony Darrock played A grade for Te Tapu. It was thought that they would all improve their play this season, though perhaps not as much as they did last season. However they haven't. They seem to have lost much of their enthusiasm for the game. This is mainly because they have reached provincial standing and to go further needs hours of hard practice which students, alas, cannot afford to have.

The most improved player in the team is Orm Collins who has played B grade for the last three years. He is improving with every game and is becoming a very useful player for third and fourth positions. He has already notched wins against quite well-known players.

Rod Grubi took Dave's place while he was away. Rod was very unlucky not to have won several games. If he had time to practice he would become a good A grade player.

Dave Marple was last year one of the best juniors in New Zealand. He reached the last 14 in the N.Z. Men's Singles beating three provincial representatives on the way. Playing with Alan Robinson he won the N.Z. Junior Doubles and was runner-up on the Wellington Men's Doubles.

Alan was also in the last 16 in the N.Z. Men's Singles, and beat three, one of whom was ranked seventh in New Zealand. At the same time he reached the final of the New Zealand Singles.

With several tournaments looming up in the near future we may expect our players to become much keener and improve. It is likely, too, that most of the remaining matches of the season will go our way. At least we hope so!

—A.R.

RACING . . .

SINCE "SALIENT" IS CONSIDERED TO BE AN "ORGAN OF STUDENT OPINION" AND SINCE THE SPORTS EDITOR HAS HAD REQUESTS FOR A RACING COVERAGE ON THIS PAGE, WE WOULD BE PLEASED TO HAVE THE VIEWS OF READERS ON THIS MATTER. DETAILS WILL BE PROVIDED NEXT WEEK, BUT WE MAY SAY IN ADVANCE THAT PROSPECTS AND PICKS BY AN EXPERIENCED PUNTER WILL BE INCLUDED. PLEASE FILL IN THE COUPON BELOW.

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