

Easter Tournament

In a week from today, Victoria will sally forth to do battle with its sister Colleges at the 54 Easter Tournament held in Christchurch. Last Easter we had the dismal honour of winning the Wooden Spoon; this year our prospects seem better, but we would need more than a little luck to carry off Tournament honours.

It is always difficult to forecast the performances at Easter Tournament for several reasons. The long vacation means that students are often out of touch with their team mates and this is detrimental to co-ordinated teamwork. Selection of teams also suffers because, in many cases; team selectors have no reliable guide to the present form of many of their Tournament prospects. However, most teams are finalised although one or two positions are still in doubt.

The prospects of the Tennis team seem excellent. Boon and O'Neill are possibly the strongest singles pair ever to represent Victoria. Boon, a member of Wellington's successful Wilding Shield team, should win the N.Z. University Singles title. Boon and Eichelbaum, and O'Neill and Robinson form two strong doubles combinations, either of which could win the doubles title. Not quite so much is expected from the girls, but if they can assist in winning the mixed doubles, Victoria should get top honours in the tennis.

If practice means anything, the Rowing team should win comfortably. The "eight," stroked by Dick Kirby, has developed a reasonable combination and can be expected to bring us a valuable point or two.

John Dowse, a Wellington provincial champion, is a distinct asset to the Swimming team, which is otherwise only fair.

After the success of the Miniature Rifle team at last Winter Tournament, we are hesitant in commenting on the chances of success of the Defence Rifles, but Judging by their [*unclear*: performances] to date, I believe they will be high up in the list of favourites.

The Cricket team, built round six senior players, has every chance of success. McCaw, Thompson, Martin and Brine will form the nucleus of what is hoped to be the foremost cricket team at Tournament.

Boxing, Athletics and Womens Outdoor Basketball have good individual performers, but in general the teams are only fair.

From this brief survey I think it will be apparent that Victoria's chances are much brighter than they were at last Easter Tournament. Although I do not share the optimism of the Senior Tournament delegate, who hopes that Victoria will gain second place or better, I am quite prepared to say that we will not be the logical contenders for the Wooden Spoon.

Music Department Acquires Harpsichord

The University Music Department now possesses a harpsichord. Made by Jacob Kirkman, in 1758. It has a single manual and several handstops. The Instrument will be Invaluable for students to hear 17th and 18th Century keyboard music played in the way it was intended, said Mr. Page, for much of this music is rendered ineffective by the piano. The harpsichord was heard for the first time on the evening of April 1st. Vivian Dixon, violin, with harsichord accompaniment, played a work by Tartim. Piano and violin works by Copland, Mozart, and Lilburn, were also heard. Later, it is hoped. Music 3 or Honours students will give harpsichord recitals at Music Club.

Cafeteria Facilities A New Era

The Hudson Catering Company, who are running the cafeteria for the first term this year on a trial basis, have brought with them several innovations, which have added immeasurably to the popularity of the caf. amongst students.

Noticeable to students of past years are the clean white table cloths on all the tables, and the more efficient system of paying for meals.

The quality of meals has improved—even to the extent of offering us baked potatoes—and there is a wider selection of sweets than there was formerly.

For their part, the Hudson Catering Company are in most cases pleased with the conduct of the students,

although there are one of two smart blokes who try to skip paying for their meals, or who play about with the salt and pepper shakers.

These people would do well to remember that the Hudson Catering Company are only under contract until the end of the term. Unless students do their bit in co-operating towards the smooth running of the caf, and unless they patronise it at all times it may be that the company will not wish to renew the contract. The cafeteria is too valuable an asset to the college and students for them to permit it to be shut down at the end of this term.

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Thursday, April 29, 1954

Editorial

Counterclaim

"The hand of death touches softly, but he who feels it, knows little else."

This quotation is prompted by the type of criticism which we have been receiving over the past few weeks from those kindly souls who would spur "Salient" on to greater heights. The suggestions we have heard only serve to underline what has been for some time a firmly-held conviction—that the hand of death has touched this college—and not very softly—and that, as far as students are concerned, the only signs of life remaining are a sort of reflex and mechanical twitching which is the prelude to complete moribundity.

The Editorials are dull; the paper has no excitement—no controversy. The Reds pine for the good old days of 48—the true Blues for the golden era of "Charta," while the remainder of the students just pine—or rather just waste away. There should be more news—or less news; more serious articles—or more humour; more art—or none at all.

With all respect, we would remind the authors of such armchair bonifications that this paper is supposed to be a record of student affairs, in the constitution of the Students' Association stated that "Salient" shall exist to provide a true and accurate history of the activities of you, the students, and your elected Executive. Therefore, those that criticise "Salient" criticise themselves.

We act as a mirror to student activity. All that you do, all that you say, and the opinions that you hold most strongly, should, within reason, appear in these pages. But on listening to the desultory criticism that reaches our ears, we are forced to the unhappy conclusion that the content of this University for 1954 is the dullest mass of self-satisfied, tranquil, and well-behaved humanity that has ever been assembled in one place.

Do not object to lecturers who are apparently so short-sighted that they cannot see in what direction their students are located, and so mumble incomprehensibly towards the blackboard, or down on to the floor? Are the lectures themselves so lucid or of such enthralling interest, that they hold you spellbound in your seats? Are the amenities so luxurious, or is the lighting system so dazzling, that you gaze open-mouthed at this most well appointed of all universities? This must be so, or else surely "Salient" would have heard of it. Or perhaps you are Incapable of forming any opinion on anything at all.

We cannot act as an organ of student opinion if all that is emitted is a hesitant squeak, or a whiff of hot air, if students have neither the ability nor the energy to write, we cannot print their wisdom. In short, we consider it the height of bad taste to do more than mumble happy generalisations in the presence of this dear departed—the Student Body Corporate.

—D.D.

Petition

A Petition has recently made an appearance, on a notice board, for hot water in the women's cloakroom. At the time of writing this, we could only see four signatures several of which were of doubtful authenticity. We hate to say it we know it's feeble, and extraordinarily hackneyed, but could it be that most 'Varsity females have no need petition to get into hot water? (Sorry!)

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Mis-Print in a recent novel: "The eminent specialist felt the patient's pulse, and decided that he could do nothing." is this bringing politics into "Salient"?

—B.C.S.

Dear Sir,—

I wish to complain about the selection of lecturers in certain subjects at this University Out of fairness to the susceptible young female student. I feel that the Board 'of Governors should make it a rule that no lecturer be appointed under the age of thirty, especially if he is of attractive appearance. 'In certain subjects I find myself concentrating on the lecturer, and not on the lecture, and a friend of mine doing the Arts course is having the same trouble. This susceptibility of ours is placing our studies under a serious disadvantage. Can nothing be done about it?

Yours, etc.,

"Flossie the Fresher."

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Letters

Exec. Coverage

The Editor, "Salient."

Dear Sir.—

How much longer are we, students of V.U.C., to put up with the Iron Curtain that surrounds our University Exec.? Only on rare occasions do we hear reports of our brethren's social activity in the outside world. Reports such" as members' birthdays, members' parties, what the women members wore to such parties, and which members were there, should command a more Important position in "Salient" than, say, the "Post Grad" column. We are really most eager to hear more of their extramural activities.

Surely something in the nature of a Blue Domino Column can be admitted in the editions of "Salient" exclusively for the Exec. Although I am not quite a member of the Exec., I am sure that the members will endorse any remarks.

Finally to members of Exec., a happy and bright social season and may their birthday parties be many and [unclear: well] attended by those few who really count.

Yours, etc.,

(alias Pedda Poppa)

[Abridged. Pedda Poppa's somewhat ponderous comments will receive the consideration due to them.]

[Veritas says: "Pedy Popper is invited to read this week's "Jottings." There, too he may find examples of veiled sarcasm.]

Letters

"Flicks on Friday?"

The Editor, "Salient."

Dear Sir.—

I note with interest the wallings of "Flicks on Friday" on the late hour of the Economics I lecture on Friday evenings.

Presumably he prefers to have a University education spoon-fed without a modicum of self-sacrifice and application to the job in hand.

As a member of the class in question I feel I speak for a number of us who are part-timers that not only do we have to forgo a large portion of shopping time in order to attend this lecture, but we also have to work late on this evening in order to make up time taken for lectures on other subjects, thus giving up certain "Friday night [unclear: convivialltli"]

If "Flicks on Friday" prefers the pleasures of "celluloid culture" to the effort required for a University education then I suggest he has a remedy which would do much to alleviate the present accommodation problem in the Economics I class.

Yours, etc.,

"Five Day Week."

Rationalism

The Editor, "Salient."

Dear Sir,—

May I venture to suggest that "Pro Bono Victoria" (see last issue) is not only narrowminded, but is also years behind the times.

That anyone should complain about "sacrilegious conglomeration of religion . . . and sex" seems utterly beyond me. I think that the majority of Varsity students will have realised that the ancient myth of a Christian church has been entirely squashed by modern science—Darwin, Freud, Nietzsche, and others too numerous to mention. The concept of a benevolent and fatherly God is abhorrent to all broadminded persons who have swept away the cobwebs of prejudice. Consequently I find that there cannot be any legitimate complaints about the Freshers' welcome ceremony.

Yours, etc.,

"Junior Rationalist."

More Freshers' Welcome

The Editor, "Salient."
Dear Sir,—

We were amazed by the attitudes of "Agopanthus" and "Pro Bono Victoria," expressed in recent issues of "Salient." "Pro Bono Victoria," in particular, has raised our ire. We would be the first to advocate freedom of thought on any matter, but to think that a student of this College should call, by name, two of his fellow students both sacrilegious and sexually-perverted, is more than we can stand. These two, Beaglehole and Harris, have been slandered and we feel there is nothing to do but see justice done, either clear their names or prove them guilty.

Therefore, we demand that these two men be tried in public at a mock trial, the date of which is to be arranged with the prosecution, before three learned and unbiased judges, the charges to be "sacrilege" and "sexual perversion." Both the defendants have agreed to this trial and we therefore call upon the accusers to prosecute. If the accusers and others Interested, either in prosecution or defence, will contact us, c/o Letter Rack, Men's Common Room, we will proceed with the necessary arrangements.

If no prosecution is forthcoming, then the only verdict can be that both Beaglehole and Harris are Not Guilty.

Yours, etc.,

"Beaglehole-Harris Trial Committee."

(We announce with regret that "Pro Bono Victoria" does not appear willing to answer the challenge issued above. This is unfortunate, because, although we do not doubt for an instant the innocence of Messrs. Beaglehole or Harris, we feel that the revelations they would be forced to make under oath regarding their private lives would be interesting, to say the least.

—Ed.]

Jottings . . .

—By Veritas

The Freshers' Week celebrations are now over, and the accounts are being finalised. Freshers' Welcome cost us £11/10/-. Freshers' Ball made a gross profit of £39/1/8. The net cost of the Commerce Faculty evening will be in the vicinity of £5/10/-, Arts Faculty evening £5/10/ and Science evening £7/10/-: i.e., a net profit of £9 to the Association. We think they were worth it.

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"Salient" accounts have also been audited, and show a net loss of £384/9/3, the largest so far. Advertising was down to £29, total printing cost being £561/8/11, and income from subscriptions and sales £160. This year a system is in operation whereby the gross loss will not exceed £250.

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Grant applications from clubs are to be carefully scrutinised this year to ensure that grants of last year have been used for the purposes for which they were given. Abuse of previous grants by certain clubs has resulted in this measure being taken.

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Tournament Ball will be held on Wednesday evening, 14th April. All attending are expected to pay at the door, the subs, being around 2/6. In previous years members of Tournament team were admitted free.

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Successful Extrav. script was written by boxer Jim Hutchinson and others. The first and final acts are in the process of re-making, and the tentative title is "Pirates of Finance." a barely-recognisable skit of Gilbert and Sullivan's "Pirates of Penzance." Extrav. goes on but as yet no confirmation of bookings at the Opera House has been received. However, things appear to be looking up this year—April 9th will know whether we have the Opera House definitely.

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Speaking of Extrav., there is a school who have ideas for making a success of Extrav.: £1100 box-office money will be needed this year to break even on the show. A better-fed Haka Party is also being considered. Sales managers for Extrav, are Ken Phillips and Bernle Galvin.

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Publication date for "Spike." 1954, has been tentatively set for July 26th. And don't forget "Cappicade, 1951." You still have a week!

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Social controller for Extrav. is Wally Iles.

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As was mentioned in the last issue, there will be no collection for charity during this year's procession. The City By-laws state that the collectors must be on their posts by 8.30 a.m., and must not move more than six feet in either direction while collecting donations: nor must they approach any member of the public with the idea of requesting funds from him. The initiative for the donation must lie with the member of the public. It was thought that this was a bit too much to expect on Capping day and the project was abandoned for this year. However. It is hoped to approach the City Fathers later in the year with the object of having the by-laws on this matter reconsidered, and next year there may well be a collection, as there is in the other three university centres.

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A Committee has been appointed to control procesh proper, and any person intending to build floats for the day should approach a member of this Committee for advice. The members are: Jim Hutchinson. Chairman; J. Doran. Perry Stephenson, Chris Beeby, and Dave Crowe.

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Remember that Extrav. [*unclear*: ast] is not yet finalised, and there may be a place for you. Watch the noticeboards for next rehearsal, and be there.

Cappicade!

Closing date for Contributions April 20

No Reply Yet

N.Z.U.S.A. Proposals For Bursaries

At the beginning of September last year, N.Z.U.S.A., on behalf of the 12,000-odd students of the University of New Zealand, submitted a 15-page report to the Minister of Education, detailing reasons for a request for an increase in the number and value of bursaries awarded by the Education Department to full-time students of the University.

The three main recommendations were, first, that all fulltime students living away from home and at present receiving the cash payment of £30, or more in the case of scholarship holders, be granted an additional £30 by way of a boarding allowance.

Secondly, that the number of national boarding bursaries be increased from 65 to 200 per annum.

Thirdly, that a committee be net up to review bursaries from year to year.

The report dealt chiefly with the increased cost of maintaining a student at the University; the sources of such maintenance; and the deterioration of the financial positions of students since the last bursary increase, due to increased student living costs, board and books, and the increased difficulty of obtaining employment with chances of overtime.

The following is taken from the introduction to the report:

"We consider that the general statements made (previously) remain valid. In order to render these present admissions more concise, we again draw attention to those earlier remarks: 'We consider that bursaries were instituted and are maintained in New Zealand for the purpose of giving practical desire that there should be a maximizing of equality of opportunity for higher education. This desire that the best talented young men and women irrespective of social or economic status shall have the opportunity to obtain the highest education is, we feel, inherent in Now Zealand's educational thinking and has been adopted and encouraged by Governments past and present.

Bursaries Not Wages . . .

"The bursary is not to be likened to salary or waged which have been earned by the people who receive them, except insofar as the bursaries are awarded on merit and encourage students to greater endeavour. The bursary in more in the nature of a rowan), a gratuitous reward given by a government wise enough to realise the nation's future dependence on educated citizens.... If the award of bursaries is to achieve the object of

equalising opportunity, then the amounts awarded must bear relation to the costs of and incidental to higher education!

"The bursaries were last increased as from 1950, and the rates of increase calculated at least as early as September 16, 1949, on which date our Association, having noted newspaper reports, wrote to your department seeking details of the increases. The bursaries paid in 1950 were an expression at that time of the Government's willingness to meet the demands which equalisation of educational opportunity make upon it. They were also a recognition of the number and value of bursaries that were required to make equalisation of opportunity a reality.

"Since 1950 the costs of board and lodgings, food, clothing and books have all risen significantly, while the assistance to students remains at the 1950 level. With students' living costs rising, some of the abler but poorer students, if not given assistance at least commensurate with the 1950 level of assistance, will be kept from the university or will be required to work to provide their living costs. If this happens, we submit, the country and the students suffer.'

"Investigations have shown that certain classes of students, namely full-time students living away from home, suffer greater hardship than other students as their bursaries have not been increased in line with their coat of living.

"Consequently . . . we are recommending that all full-time students living away from home and at present receiving the cash payment of £30. or more in the case of scholarship holders, be granted an additional sum of £20 by way of a [*unclear*: boardng] allowance. . . .

"In addition, we are recommending that the number of national boarding bursaries be increased from 65 to 200 annually.

"Finally, we recommend that a committee be established to review bursaries from year to year."

The report then deals with the sections mentioned above.

An economical Arts student, full time and away from home, will be able to live on £301 per academic year; a professional student will need £353.

The parents' contribution is estimated at £2 per week of the academic year. With both schemes in full operation, the total cost per annum would be, the report estimates, in the vicinity of £59,200 per annum.

The Ministers of Education and Finance have had nice months now, and there has been no reply yet. The chance of gaining the increases outlined is generally considered slim.

—Brian Shaw

Debating Society A.G.M.

The fifty-fifth annual general meeting of the Debating Society was held on Friday, March 26. The annual report stated that a comparatively successful year had been experienced which would have been more so with more support from members. The climax of the year's activities had been the Visitors' Debate. In which the Hon. Mr. Watts. M.P., and the Hon. Mr. Nordmeyer. M.P., had debated the question. "That this House has Confidence in the Present Government."

The following officers were elected: Patron, the Hon. Sir Matthew Oram, M.A., LL.B. President: Miss Melda O'Reilly. Vice-President: Mr. Bruce Brown. B.A. Secretary: Mr. David Mummery. Treasurer: Miss Margaret Thom. Committee: Miss Marjorie Munro, Miss Ann Olsen. Mr. Graham Hubbard, Mr. John McLean.

The debate obviously had not been prepared by either team, and what afforded ample material for a first-class debate was completely lost. Miss Olsen, with her references to raids on premises such as the Majestic Cabaret, and her suggestions for hiding bottles of XXX under the partner's skirt, proved too much for the audience, which included those old stalwarts of the debating society, Messrs. Curtin and Millburn. "Why don't they wear transparent dresses?" was the joyful cry sent out. Regretfully, space does not permit of a full account of the debate proper, but the situation will improve next week.

The next few months should see some interesting debates, a syllabus of which the Committee will be issuing shortly. Plunket Medal is to be held early in July, and prospective entrants are reminded that they must have spoken in at least half of the Society's debates for the year in order to qualify. The Staff-Student debate is to be held on Friday evening (April 9).

The Society invites you to take part in its debates (maiden speakers are given an uninterrupted hearing). There is a prize awarded to the best new speaker of the year. Suggestions as to subject matter of debates, and other matters, are welcomed. Further information may be obtained by ringing the Secretary at 45-654 (business) or 45-012 (home).

Drama Club Production . . .

Kudos for Nada Martin

Last week the V.U.C. Drama Club presented its first major production for 1954 and credit is due to all concerned for a sparkling performance of a delightful play.

When the curtain went up on "Under the Sycamore Tree" the audience was transported to a subterranean society of highly organised ants.

A particularly progressive sort of ant introduced Science to the ant kingdom and in spite of the reactionaries (led by the General and supported by the Chief Statistician), brought about some radical changes in the ant organisation. They found themselves faced with many problems of the human race and solutions for them.

Ian Rich as the Chief Scientist gave us a delightful performance. His diction, however, was very bad at times. Not only did it make it hard to hear him but the fact that he was aware of this fact diverted a certain amount of his concentration and when acting one has enough to occupy one's mind without having to worry about basic techniques. His characterisation was excellent. He moved well and accommodated his acting as the situation demanded.

Farce must be acted with verve and precision but Melder O'Reilly seemed unable to make up her mind whether to be a sweet coquettish Queen Ant or very dignified and queenly. Instead she wavered between the two. She, by the nature of her part, was largely responsible for the pace, which lagged a little at times. Her speech and her body movement were, by way of contrast, excellent. Like the rest of the cast, except Mr. Rich and Mr. Mummery, she was rather too inhibited in her attack. She has been accused of over-acting but I do not quite agree with this. Rather she was aware of her limitations and tended to be a little stagey to cover this. A little restraint would have been much better. Pauline Kermode (The Girl) did just this and did it well.

The biggest kudo, however, must go to Mrs. Nada Martin. We have seen most of these people act before but not under her direction. The action flowed smoothly and rapidly throughout and the quality of the acting was immensely enhanced by her direction.

An excellent atmospheric setting by Antony Treadwell and Bob Brockie was an important contribution to the success of the play. The lighting was not frightfully subtle yet was adequate.

It is good to see the Drama Club presenting plays in the Concert Chamber once more. If quality of performance means anything we should see them there again before long.

The success of "Under the Sycamore Tree" shows that Varsity drama is capable of drawing a public to patronise its plays. With good plays and producers and considering the advantages the Concert Chamber has over The Little Theatre, I fall to see why this cannot be done.

—David Bridges

Smoking

If you have ever read "My Lady Nicotine" you will know that there is much more to smoking than lung cancer. It is both a science and an art, and needs much practice and instruction.

Therefore, in the future, "Salient" intends to provide, as a regular service to readers, skilled advice on the finer aspects of smoking. In two or three articles we will write of cigarettes, of pipes, of holders, and of filters. For those who have long ago resigned themselves to the chains of the smoking habit, we will demonstrate that it can indeed be transformed into an interesting hobby, and a delightful pleasure—if you go about it in the right way.

No. 1 Cigarette Holders

Most people consider that these are purely decorative pieces of apparatus. This is not so. While there are those who use them merely for effect, or as a substitute for their recently-discarded dummy, nevertheless cigarette holders perform many useful functions.

First, by removing the cigarette further away from the regions of the face, they tend to lessen the amount of smoke that goes into the eyes. This is important, but far more important is the quality of many holders to filter out much of the harmful nicotine. You can buy certain types of holders containing filters, and these are worth their weight in gold. Opinions vary as to which is the most effective, but in my opinion the crystal type, to be

found in such holders as the "Peterson" and the "Duncotta" are the best. These give a cool smoke, they draw easily and they do not clog with nicotine. Another type is the [unclear: "Rizia"] filter to be used with rolls. I have found that those are just as effective when used in an ordinary holder, and moreover you can use them more than once. However, readers probably have other preferences.

(Goods mentioned in this series are obtainable from McCrery's tobacconist.)

International Club

The 2nd A.G.M. of the Club was held last week with Bob Kelson in the chair. Bob gave a report of last year's activities and mentioned some future plans of the Club—informal discussion groups, an international food picnic, and a more ambitious hospitality project which was tentatively begun last year. We should like to thank Bob and last year's committee, who gave so much time and work to the Club in its opening stages.

After the minutes and balance sheet had been adopted, the new committee was elected:

President, Moti Tikaram (Fiji); Vice-Presidents, Michael Edwards (England) and Nan O'Shea (N.Z.); Secretary Treasurer, Helen Rait (N.Z.I); Committee. Arnold Roozen (Holland), Claude De Laitre (Mauritius), Alex Bruce (England). Patricia Adams (N.Z.). Bill Nepia (N.Z.), Jahayaya Isa (Malaya).

Films and supper followed the meeting. There are over twenty nationalities represented in the Club already and we are anxious to make it more. (New Zealanders are welcome too.) Watch the notice boards for our next meeting!

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Athletic Club Holds Jubilee Celebrations

Celebrations for the Golden Jubilee of the V.U.C. Athletic Club began on the evening of Friday, April 2, with a most convivial reunion at that Mecca for all reunions, the Savage Club Hall.

Among the seventy past and present members who attended were Sir Matthew Oram (who proposed the toast to the club), Doctor Williams, principal of V.U.C., and Messrs G. Bogle, F. de la Merc, and S. Davison. The only unfortunate aspect was the very small number of present day students who attended the function.

On the Saturday—the Jubilee interfaculty sports were held at Kelburn Park, despite the atrocious weather conditions., in spite of this the attendance was surprisingly good. The organisers must have been agreeably pleased with the numbers of former V.U.C. athletes, now residing elsewhere, who accepted invitations to come to Wellington for the celebrations. Performances on the day were generally affected by the southerly wind and the soft ground, yet some first class contests kept the spectators always interested.

The function concluded in the upper gymnasium with afternoon tea and the presentation of trophies, by Sir Matthew Oram. Among the trophies was Sir Matthew's own cup, for the most outstanding performance of the day which was presented to Dave Leach for his effort in the hammer throw.

Credit for the success of these functions, [unclear: dcspi] an unco-operative weatherman, must go principally to Gerry Fox, who for more than ten years has been giving untiring service to the Athletic Club.—N.H.

Tournament Ball

*Wednesday, April 14—Upper Gym.
8 p.m. Subs. 2/6*

Union of South Africa

A group of South African citizens, deeply concerned at the fact that the Government of the Union of South Africa is threatening to exclude non Europeans from the Universities of the Witwatersrand and Cape Town, issued a statement to the press on February 15. which says in part: "A Commission of Enquiry has recently been appointed to investigate and report on the practicability and financial implications of providing separate training facilities for non-Europeans at universities. We the undersigned, wish to express our alarm at the

exclusion from these terms of reference of what must surely be regarded as the fundamental underlying questions. These questions are: Can it be shown that separate training facilities are in fact necessary, more especially at those universities which traditionally do not practice academic segregation? is there any need to interfere with the existing rights and freedoms of such universities? And finally, is there any advantage to be gained, either educationally or in the field of race relations through imposing academic apartheid on all South African universities? The practice followed by the non-segregated universities in South Africa has not given rise to friction or internal tension. On the contrary, successive generations of students have enthusiastically affirmed the wisdom and correctness of opening the university to non-European students, while similar resolutions have been passed by the University Council and staff. We consider that, within South [unclear: AtjSca.] the open universities of the [unclear: Witwatersrand] and of Cape Town approach nearest to the conception, of a university. We record our deep conviction that it would be a tragedy for the future of this country if the Government compelled these now open universities to depart from their established practice. The very fact of the existence of the two open universities' has enhanced South Africa's reputation overseas. But it has meant more than that in South Africa itself. It has made possible contacts between students outside lecture halls and laboratory classes—an essential part of university education. It has given concrete expression to the desire for goodwill between Europeans and non-Europeans. The isolation of non-Europeans from European students will inevitably increase group prejudice and engender a heightened nationalism in the segregated universities."

(Special report.)

The statement on the threat to the Universities of the Witwatersrand and Cape Town, which appears above in this issue, is an extremely serious one. All students appreciate the troubles in South Africa, but not all realise just how serious it all is. Alan Paton, in "Cry The Beloved Country." has this to say: ". . . Who knows how we shall fashion such a land, where black outnumbers white so greatly? For we fear not only the loss of our possessions, but the loss of our whiteness and the loss of our superiority. Some say that crime is bad, but would not this be worse? is it not better to hold what we have, than to pay the price of it with fear? . . . We do not know, we do not know. We shall live from day to day, and put more locks on the doors, and get a fine fierce dog when the fine fierce bitch next door has pups, and hold on to our handbags more tenaciously; and the beauty of the trees by night, and the raptures of lovers under the stars, these things we shall forgo . . . We shall be careful and knock this off our lives, and knock that off our lives, and hedge ourselves about with safety and precaution. And our lives will shrink, but they shall be lives of superior beings; and we shall live with fear, but at least it will not be a fear of the unknown. And the conscience shall be thrust down; the light of life shall not be extinguished, but shall be put under a bushel, to be preserved for a generation that will live by it again, in some day not yet come; and how it will come, and when it will come, we shall not think about that at all."

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Unfortunately, Mr. Maurice O'Brien, President of N.Z.U.S.A., was not available as we go to press to give his comments on the statement. We hope to publish these in the next issue.

Student Suicides

Between January, 1947, and August, 1953, there were nine undergraduate suicides at Oxford. In the same period there have been six undergraduate suicides at Cambridge.

Weir Here!

Anticipating raised eyebrows implying the comment "What, again?" we hasten to explain. The fact is that the corporate life of Weir, the official College hostel, is of rather too intricate a nature to be adequately covered in an issue dealing in broad generalities. The trouble with such generalities is that they may become a little too broad. Your Weir reporters aim in this column to let you know what gives in Weir, and in particular what Weir gives and can give to the Varsity.

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Gathered round the Common Room fire these past two Sunday nights we were entertained with more of John Marchant's excellent long-playing records. Descriptive music, including Elgar's "Enigma Variations," Brahms' "Academic Festival Overture." Moussorgsky's "Pictures at an Exhibition." comprised the first programme, and several of Dvorak's works the second. Further evenings are to include grand opera and Gilbert and Sullivan recordings.

With a certain gay abandon . . . after cutting its teeth at the Freshers' Welcome the Weir haka party is busy,

preparing a full programme for We gather from leader Allan Ward that this year the party line is not only to supply some of the vitality and informality peculiar to Varsity occasions, but also to cooperate as fully as possible with the officials organising that occasion . .

Haka Party footnote: Has anyone scan The Beastie? This two-man dragon, lent to V.U.C. last year, appears to have strayed. Would any one able to supply information please ring re Ward 45-012.

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Event of major Importance in the House at the moment is our first dance for 195-1, to be held this Saturday. Perry Stevenson and his boys are right on the job and although arrangements are top secret, we have it from the grapevine that Doug. Price's Quartette is again to give the floor show. For those who remember Its outstanding performances in the past no further recommendation to come along will be needed. With dazzling decorations, a sumptuous supper, and a piano that would do Winifred At well . . . justice, this dance promises to be up to the very best House standards.

Around the Bottles With R.T.B.

It is now ten past six and I find myself free till nine o'clock tomorrow morning to write this article. All you Freshers will naturally want to know what boozier to drink at and I will be giving from time to time reports on the state of the purge supplied. As a start, I would suggest that you patronise either the "George" or the "Duke," these being the nearest. At the moment the "George" is the best, having Black Heart Rum, Table Bay Brandy, and McBain's whisky on tap (no one drinks gin), nil these being amongst the best of their type, specially Black Heart. So on the morning of March 8, after your first lecture (you shouldn't miss That one), I will expect to see you all down at the "George."

To celebrate the beginning of the Varsity year you should try that famous drink "A George Cocktail." Order a double rum and a double whisky in a five ounce glass and top it up with peppermint, mix it well and drink it with two beer chasers. The result is a wonderful feeling which lasts and lasts and lasts (the weak minded can have two singles, rum and whisky mixed). "George Cocktails" are not named after the hotel, but after that Inimitable organisation "George" which you will read in the companion article.

Those old Varsity students—i.e., those not freshers—who are no doubt highly skilled connoisseurs by now should, if they haven't already, try Cointreau, This is the only type of gin that is not just a pepped up fizzy-drink. It is a liqueur gin which has a most remarkable taste. A small amount (about three drops) is placed on the tip of the tongue and is propelled around the inside of the mouth. Anywhere between one and sixteen different tastes can be recognised depending on the sobriety of the drinker, and on the number of taste buds still functioning. It is a most remarkable sensation and one which everybody should experience.

Good News!

Round the Battles it covering Drinking Horn !!

Vic B Jottings . . .

Introduction

To many readers Vic. B. is an unknown Institution—that can soon be remedied. Victoria House B. situated on the Terrace and run by the Women Students' Hostel Society, provides accommodation for sixteen fulltime students. Within its walls are sixteen girls, one warden and one cook: they all live on very friendly terms (sometimes perhaps a little too friendly). There is a committee of four to act on behalf of the girls. The Warden carries out her duties with the utmost efficiency and while encouraging a happy atmosphere, also encourages a quiet one which is excellent for study. The cook is an absolute marvel and even mother's cooking Isn't a patch on the Vic. B. cook's. Take it from me—"There's no place like Vic. B."

Important Notice

This notice Is to all males who call at a certain hostel for young women students to take their girlfriends out. We regret that owing to certain circumstances you are not able to come in and sit in the common room while waiting, as in the past. It is a pity, but it cannot be helped.

However, you are graciously permitted to stand in the hall and wait. You must be prepared to share the hall with at least a dozen others and to endure the curious gaze of the other residents of the hostel. Please do not let this deter you from calling.

Revenge is Sweet

Two students at Foggio, Italy, were accused of hiring agents to rob their professor, because he had failed them in their examinations.

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Message from the Senior Delegate

Congratulations to all those who have attained representation in the Victoria University Easter Tournament team. We hope you will fulfil the confidence that the University has placed in you. Remember that your first duty is to do your best in the sport in which you have been selected. Your next duty is, of course, to enjoy yourself. But these two duties need not conflict. They can be combined in a way which will not impair your performance in your chosen sport.

I hope that our Tournament performance will reflect the general rise in the standard of Victoria's sport which has occurred in the past two years. At Winter Tournament last year we gained a meritorious second and there is no reason why we should not equal or better this at Easter Tournament. Let us hope that the Athletic Club will celebrate their Jubilee year in the most fitting manner possible—ridding themselves of the Athletic Wooden Spoon.

My thanks are due to Barry Boon, the Junior Delegate for all the work he has done and also to the Club Secretaries, with whose co-operation Barry's and my job has been made relatively easy.
—B. V. Galvin.

Defence Rifles

This year we have a fairly strong team, although only three members of the team have had previous experience at an Easter Tournament. The other four gave encouraging performances in the Tournament Selection Shoot at Massey on March 27, and there seems to be little doubt that the team should give a good account of Itself at Christchurch.

Provisional team members are: Blackburn. N. Bradburn, B. Cotter, lies, W. Myers. D. J. Newton, I. V. and Wilson, G. J.

ALL TOURNAMENT TEAMS Report to Exec. Room, Wednesday, April 14. at 7 p.m. TO COLLECT TICKETS AND BADGES Men Bring £4 5 0 Women Bring £3 15 0

A Word of Advice

Apart from congress, Tournament is the only opportunity for students of the various Colleges to get together and exchange ideas and interests, whether in sporting, cultural or academic fields. Students should use this opportunity and not abuse it. They are representing their College and so should ensure that their social activities do not tend towards the detriment of their chosen sport.

Sportsmen, remember that you are the guests of Canterbury University College and that the residents of Christchurch are your hosts. You will find a more friendly attitude to students than is the case in Wellington. Do not prejudice that attitude. You can have a good time without destroying the goodwill and tolerance of the people of Christchurch. Be considerate and courteous to the people who are billeting you and do not arrive home every morning with the milkman.

Attend all the functions arranged for your entertainment; mix with your fellow students; do your very best on the sports field. You are assured of a thoroughly enjoyable time at Tournament and you will be worthy of your Alma Mater.

—Sports Editor.

SKI CLUB A.G.M. Wednesday, April 28, 1954 Biology Lecture Room. Films and Supper

Rowing Notes

The Rowing team has been training at six-thirty each morning of the week for the past three weeks. There is a full complement of fourteen oarsmen who have been chosen to represent the College. Whereas last year there were six men available, this year there are sixteen, many with at least a season's racing experience. The eight has been repaired and revamped and the Wellington Rowing Club has provided the four and double-scutt so there is little doubt that this year's crew will be satisfactorily boated.

Rowing is a hard sport; months of hard training are necessary to ensure good racing performance. This year most of the younger members of the club were involved in military training, a fact which prevented the Wellington Club from having a potentially champion novice crew composed almost entirely from University men. These men now comprise the Victoria Four and they are all sure to be strong contenders for next year's eight.

The club has rebuilt its strength and now looks forward to becoming a force to be reckoned with in University rowing.

Tennis Team

This year's Tournament tennis team should acquit themselves very well and high hopes are entertained that Victoria will again win the tennis. The men especially are well up to our best standards. Barry Boon and Larry O'Neill were both in the Wellington [unclear: Wilding] Shield training squad, and are two of Wellington's most promising players. Both have won titles in tournaments this season. Boon also being runner-up to John Barry in the Wellington Provincial Singles. Tom Eichelbaum has a powerful service and with Boon should be hard to beat in the Men's Doubles, as they have already paired together to win the Taranaki and Wanganui Men's Doubles this season. O'Neill and Alan Robinson form a strong No. 2 doubles team and we are hopeful of an "all-Vic." final.

Strongest opposition should come from Auckland, with J.Z. Montgomery and Raewya Dickson, and from Otago's Marty Ellis, three of the country's outstanding intermediates. Nevertheless, our men's team is a good, well balanced [unclear: side], and if Val Henderson and the other girls can give our boys sufficient support, and we are sure that they will, we should be in the running for the tennis championship once again.