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SGM Has Confidence Two Positions Vacant

A MOTION of no confidence in the Executive, cause of a Special General Meeting held in the gymnasium on Tuesday evening, 30th August, was lost, and a censure motion upon the whole executive was also lost. Attendance at the meeting was about 120 at 8 p.m., dwindling to 40 at 11.5 p.m. when the chairman declared the meeting closed because of lack of quorum.

The motion of no confidence, moved by Mr. E. A. WOODFIELD, seconded Mr. B. C. SHAW, was the result of a petition signed by 75 members of the Association who desired a public airing of the events surrounding the resignations of the Secretary and Treasurer of the Association recently.

The executive at its regular meeting on 22nd August permitted Mr. Marchant and Mr. Whitta to withdraw their resignations. However in reply to a point raised by MR. SHAW, who quoted from the Constitution, MR. ILES (Chairman) ruled that in his opinion neither MR. MARCHANT nor MR. WHITTA were currently members of the executive, and had ceased to be such from the time their intention to resign had been tabled.

Discussion on the no confidence motion was limited mainly to procedural motions and counter-motions, which occupied at least 70 minutes of the 2-hour debate.

Mr. Woodfield, in moving the motion, stated that he did so as a result of a petition which he had presented to the Executive on 22nd August. The petition asked for a full enquiry into the cause of Mr. Marchant's resignation. Mr. Shaw, seconding, dwelt on the fact that he supported the motion as a basis of discussion, but did not support the sense of the motion.

Mr. Curtin asked why did Mr. Marchant resign? In what act did the individual members of the executive bring about this resignation? "In resigning from the executive, Mr. Marchant had his reasons. We want to know those reasons." Mr. R. Jansen held that the resignations were personal matters and the Association could not demand their reasons. The petition, said he, had been signed by those who always wish to see their names in print, and consisted mainly in exhibitionism. The Socialist Club, which had been in the political doldrums for two or three years, had sponsored the petition in order to make political capital.

Mr. Jansen's ill-considered and irrelevant chat was answered by Mrs. Allison (nee Munro) who said that as students we have certain interests in common and that these were not the political issues of a few. The petition, said she, was in no way requisitioned by the Socialist Club. (Jansen: officially or unofficially?) We should look to positive actions from the executive, and in the past two years we have had little positive action indeed. We cannot expect all people to be experienced when they first go on a body.

Mr. de Cloene said that unlike Mrs. Allison he was not an experienced body (voice: are you a body?) and suggested that the executive had been drowned by a storm in a teacup. The executive, said he, works very hard against the apathy of the student body and in the cold light of day all should oppose the motion.

Mr. R. Polson waxed sarcastic in reply to Mr. Jansen and suggested that those who resigned from executive rejected their responsibilities on that body.

Mr. Marchant persuasively suggested that we go back to the beginning. He held that those who stood for executive office should be sincere in doing so. You cannot achieve much in 5 weeks but in that time you can see enthusiasm if it exists. "I did not see enthusiasm where I thought it should be. I therefore resigned in protest. I still maintain all that I have said."

Does Mr. Marchant think that the same situation which caused his resignation, exists today? asked Mr. P. Gibbons. Mr. Marchant consid-

ered that his protest had served its purpose, and he was prepared to return to executive if he was re-appointed.

Mr. Robertshaw asked whether Mr. Marchant referred to the whole executive or to a few, when he resigned? Mr. Marchant: To the whole.

EX-TREASURER,

SECRETARY RE-ELECTED

At Monday's meeting of the Executive, Messrs J. Whitta and J. Marchant were co-opted to the respective positions of Treasurer and Secretary.

Mr. Hubbard thanked the late Secretary for his tardy notes couched "if I may say so, in ecclesiastical terms." The closure was then moved.

It was put and carried, and Mr. Woodfield in final reply, deprecated most strongly the remarks of Mr. Jansen. He then requested leave to withdraw his motion, and move

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GRADUATES FOR PUBLIC SERVICE

THE value of suitable University graduates for administrative posts in the New Zealand Public Service is fully realised by the Public Service Commission, and under a recently inaugurated scheme holders of degrees may enter the service in other than purely technical or professional positions.

With the responsibility of staffing 40-odd State departments the Commission is always in search of well-qualified recruits to train for high administrative posts. The United Kingdom system of recruiting only graduates into the administrative class would not be acceptable in New Zealand; but the present scheme sets out to use suitable graduates to reinforce those training for administrative posts.

Selected graduates will be given three years of planned training, including tours of duty in various offices and courses conducted by the departments and by the Commission. They will not be expected to stay in one department, but have as their career field the whole Public Service. After a few years' experience they will be eligible to apply for bursaries to attend the School of Political Science and Public Administration at Victoria University, full-time and on full pay, to study for the Diploma in Public Administration.

Wide general knowledge and interests, with practical knowledge of documents and the ability to present a reasoned case make many graduates specially suited for administrative careers. They are needed to help in planning the development of the country's resources, in administering social services, and in regulating the economy of the country.

Every effort is being made to place graduates in departments in which they are interested, or where they can make a contribution to make. Graduates already appointed under the scheme have received rapid promotions to positions of responsibility.

RUGBY SUPREMACY LOST

AFTER reposing in the trophy case in the main hall of the College for three years, the Jubilee Cup, symbol of Wellington club Rugby supremacy, has found itself a new home with the Onslow Club. Victoria, who have held a mortgage on the trophy in recent seasons, could do no better than take fourth place this year. Although the side started well at the beginning of the season, they gradually faded away and in the second round of the Jubilee Cup could only notch a draw and four losses.



RON JARDEN, who gained a century of points for VUC this season.

The loss of JIM FITZGERALD early in the season was a hard blow and thereafter the VUC backs lacked the penetration inside which the All Black had instilled over the previous three years. Another trouble which beset the backline was the difficulty experienced in finding the right half-back and first five-eighth combination. Several combinations were tried and this experimentation did little in aiding the backs to find the real cohesion which is essential to the type of Rugby Victoria play.

Peter Osborne was a safe custodian and was one of the few backs who played with any sort of consistency. Ron Jarden ran up his century of points in quick style but

Concern Over Bursaries

Grave concern was expressed by the Resident Executive, NZUSA, over the delays which have occurred over a decision "or even a criticism" of their most recent bursary submissions. An 18-point memorandum was submitted to the Minister of Education on 14th July of this year, recalling that the submissions were first made on July 22nd, 1952, in support of a proposed increase in the number and value of University bursaries. Since that date, five letters, two conferences, one reference in the House, have been all of the results.

THE Executive wishes to contact all students from anywhere in South-East Asia who are temporarily resident in New Zealand and who are attending Victoria. It is desired to obtain their views on student relations between New Zealand and South-East Asia, and on the creation of a bursary for a student from South-East Asia.

Would all students who know of South-East Asian students please advise them of this notice, and ask them to contact Guy Powles c/o VUCSA and leave name and telephone number or address.

even he could not hold the team together in the closing stages of the season. Of the other backs, newcomers Webby and Barry played well in patches and have both gained valuable match experience for the years ahead. Mike Watson made a welcome return to the side and his game against Petone on Queen's Birthday was out of the top drawer. Tony Clark impressed as a fast elusive back, who needs only experience to put him in top class.

In the forwards, the old hands held the pack together while several of the younger forwards proved that they will be a great asset to the team in the next few seasons. Ivan Stuart was a good leader and a tireless worker. No matter what the state of the game, he strove relentlessly and set a fine example for the rest of the pack. Jensen and McHalek were two who played consistently well throughout, while Bill Clark and Nepia never let up on attack or defence. Bill made up welcome return to top form towards the later part of the season and all Rugby supporters in Wellington were pleased to see him playing the style of football which won him top honours in 1953.

Rua Bristowe bounced round the paddock like a rubber ball and got through a lot of work. Perry Preston-Thomas and Gerry Blathwayt are two locks who, although rather on the light side at the moment, will develop into a formidable duo in the seasons to come.

Congratulations to W. H. Clark and R. A. Jarden on their inclusion in the New Zealand team, an honour which both richly deserve, and also to B. A. Nepia, who along with Clark and Jarden has represented Wellington this season.

Come to Congress. Curious Cove

- **DATE:** January 20-January 27, 1956. (N.B.: Length of Congress has been shortened from 10 days to 7 to keep costs down.)
- **FINANCE:** Tariff is £1 per day per head—i.e., £7.
- **CHAIRMAN:** Professor A. J. Danks, Associate Professor of Economics at CUC.
- **SPEAKERS:** N.B.: These are tentative.
Dr. Merrill Moore, an American psychiatrist-poet.
Dr. Crowther, Senior Lecturer in Psychology, CUC.
Dr. Morton, Superintendent of Christchurch Hospital (a possibility, not a probability).
Mr. Bernard Beeby, NZBS.
Prof. Belshaw, Professor of Economics, VUC.
Mr. Roger Mirams, Pacific Films, and others.
- **PROGRAMME:** With the reduced time available, some alterations become necessary. Tentative plans are to drop the all-day picnic and to allow a full day (probably the Monday) for the Congress Olympics, with the fancy-dress ball in the evening.
- **APPLICATIONS:** Close definitely on October 14. Forms will be available at the executive office from about the middle of September. Academic staff members are invited to attend. Deposit of £2 required.
- **CONGRESS CONTROLLER:** Peter Sinclair, CUC.
- **VUC CONTROLLER:** Miss Jennifer Barnett, c/o Exec. Room, VUC.

ARTS LAW AND COMMERCE GRADUATES

Graduates who are interested in a career in
PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION

are invited to write to or call on

MR. E. A. MISSEN,

Superintendent of Staff Training, Public Service Commission,
University Senate Buildings, Bowen Street, WELLINGTON, C.1.

Salient

The Organ of Student Opinion - Victoria College, Wellington

On Intellectual Prostitution

A CYCLOSTYLED supplement prepared by "Salient" staff brought first news of what eventually was, to result in the SGM, to the attention of students. At the SGM, it was alleged by a student that the petition calling for the SGM was prepared and signed by exhibitionists, by those who wished always to see their names in print; and that it was sponsored by the Socialist Club in order to make "political capital". Two members of "Salient" staff drafted the petition; and the allegations of those above are more than absurd, complete figments of the imagination—they indicate a morbid, illogical, intolerant kind of thinking, a kind which has no place in this University.

The stigma attached to the Socialist Club is still there. It is perpetuated by the crassly ignorant and stupid statements which are normally attributed to the gutter press. But pity, not derision, is called for. A great, sincere and sad pity, for the student who said this, because he is entangled in his own web of prejudice.

"Salient" believed, when it produced its first supplement, that it had a duty and a responsibility to undertake, and we continued to keep the student body informed of developments as they occurred.

We are, all of us, idealists to some extent. If "Salient" should ever appear to be failing in its duty, it is to be hoped that some students will be found who will revive its grand, honest if radical, sincere if mistaken, tradition and heritage.

On Confidence in the Executive

THE SGM held last week to debate "that this meeting has no confidence in the Executive" was requisitioned by some 75 members of the Association who were alarmed by a statement made by the immediate past Secretary, Mr. Marchant, when he intimated that he would resign, on August 8.

The events that followed and the two-weeks vacation smoothed out differences that did exist, and members of Executive arrived at a mutual understanding at their meeting on August 22. Therefore no real basis for no confidence could be, or was, presented to the SGM and discussion was centred around the points that individuals wanted answered. Procedural motions designed to protect the right of free speech flowed in superabundance and proved that freedom of speech is a hollow phrase when people have nothing to say. Most important matter to come from the discussion was the Chairman's ruling that Messrs Marchant and Whitta were no longer members of the Executive. These two were on Monday reinstated, as co-optees.

The air has been cleaned and the way paved for the harmonious functioning of Executive for the rest of the term of office. Mr. Galvin at the SGM called for a spirit of understanding of one another. This is the root of the matter. Democracy assumes that when a group who are serving a common purpose meet to pool their experience, to air their difficulties and their discontents, there comes about a real process of collective thinking. The one-sidedness of particular views can be eliminated through discussion, and a principle of common action discovered. Democracy also assumes that each member of the community has something to contribute if it can be got out of him, although not all contributions are of equal value.

The Executive which is to make effective decisions must be small, but small groups easily breed a spirit of their own—a sort of group consciousness which resents criticism from outside and easily becomes exclusive. The natural exclusiveness of a small group will always tend to produce "the never-ending audacity of elected persons."

The most effective and creative discussion comes from a group who know each other intimately and can therefore discuss informally and with ease. But their informal and unseen power, if perverted, can be terribly insidious.

The SGM, then, fulfilled its function, and the result is nothing but good.

Executive is, and must be, made in some way continually subject to student opinion and the light of publicity. This is one reason for the existence of "Salient", which must not only speak up (as it has done many times in the past) when silence would be a crime but must present and invite constructive criticism on Executive proposals or actions. It is often difficult, at short notice at close quarters and without past experience to guide, to make an infallible pronouncement on these matters. The remedy is experience and growing maturity of judgment.

"Salient" expressed criticism of the Treasurer in a recent issue. While much was true at an earlier date in the light of new facts the position has changed. He has shown fully that he has the knowledge and interest necessary to protect and promote all student interests. As the main spokesman for VUC at the NZUSA Council meeting held last month, he proved himself more than worthy of the trust placed in him. "Salient" therefore withdraws the remarks made in the last issue which are now rendered obsolete. We hope he will continue in his new attitude.

To all students, to the academic staff who so patiently read these editorials, and to the Executive, "Salient" extends best wishes for the examinations, for the Christmas season and for the forthcoming year.

Even a "glorified night-school", such as Victoria is, contains its core of those who are real students.

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a motion censuring all members of the executive except the President (W. Hes) and Men's Vice-President (J. G. Hutchison). This was ruled out of order by the Chair, Mr. Shaw disagreed with the Chair. Mr. Hes vacated in favour of Mr. Hutchison, and the chairman's ruling was upheld 37 votes to 35. The time was 9.15 p.m. and Mr. Shaw moved that the matter of the Chairman's ruling be re-committed. The Chairman ruled this out of order, Mr. Curtin disagreed with the Chairman's ruling.

Mr. Hes again left the Chair, and Mr. Hutchison moved from the agreed with the Chairman's ruling, be upheld on the question of there being no further discussion on the matters relevant to the original motion, "Just lost."

The motion was lost on a division, 49-19, and Mr. Hes returned to the Chair. Mr. Woodfield then moved "That this meeting censure all members of the executive except the President and the Men's Vice-President." Mr. Shaw seconded pro forma. Mr. Hubbard then moved "that matters of which notice of motion has been given take precedence."

Oxford Has Culture . . .

WHY NOT VICTORIA?

VICTORIA UNIVERSITY COLLEGE, supposed to be the intellectual centre of Wellington, is anything but that. We have a reputation for being Communists, good footballers, undesirable characters, potent beer-drinkers, and on Capping day, a public nuisance.

The general public calls us worthless scoundrels who waste the taxpayers money; and they are right. All we do is look like eccentrics, behave as if we owned the country, and sling off at the Government. Anyone can do that.

INTELLIGENTSIA ?

Theoretically we are the intelligentsia of the future. But what do we do to prepare ourselves for that role and to deserve that title?

YOUNG AND SMALL

The common reply to inquiries about the intellectual stagnation at Victoria or any New Zealand University college is the fact that New Zealand is a young and small country; that there is no scope for intellectuals and artists; that the public does not appreciate art; and, lastly, that there is no talent.

LETHARGY

I agree with the statement that New Zealand is a small and young country. It is decidedly a handicap. But would the student body be more inclined to wake up from its lethargy if it had some notable and illustrious predecessors? Would it not simply leave things as they are in much the same fashion as it does today?

EDUCATE PUBLIC

As far as scope is concerned there is a simple solution. The public must be educated to appreciate art and to be proud of its students. As far as literature is concerned the last point cannot be applied so far. However progressive, indulgent and willing the public may be it can hardly feel proud of our present literary products, e.g. Cappicade. And neither can we.

CAN DO BETTER

I have no intention of criticising the authors of the book as I can im-

agine under what conditions they have been working and how sadly they lacked support and even demonstrations of interest from the general student body. But I feel most confident in stating that we can do better.

NO LITERATURE . . .

Let us put Cappicade aside and concentrate in literature in general. There is none at Victoria. WHY?

WHY NOT?

It cannot be that amongst 2300 students there is no one who feels the urge to write poetry or to express himself in some other fashion! Surely not everybody thinks in terms of beer and girls only!

IMPRACTICABLE

Do not say that to start a literary movement would be ridiculous and impracticable; that it would never work. Has anyone ever tried it?

VUC ANOTHER OXFORD ?

Why can't Victoria be another Heidelberg or Jena or Oxford? Why can't it be a place to be proud of? Why, if we are to be regarded as revolutionaries by the public, why can't it be for something worthwhile such as production of literature? Why don't we show that we can do other things besides those which people think we do?

Is there no one who shares my views? Who thinks that we should have some organ through which we could show that the education we receive bears some fruit?

CAMPAIGN

I call upon all who nurse literary ambitions to come to light with them. I dare them to come out in the open and to take part in this campaign. It will not be easy, I must warn, but if we persist we shall succeed!

—N. Hegedus.

APPLICATIONS ARE INVITED FOR THE FOLLOWING POSITIONS:

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- Business Manager of "Salient" 1956
- Business Manager of "Cappicade" 1956
- Advertising Manager of "Cappicade" 1956
- Producer of "Extrav" 1956

ALL applications should be in writing addressed to the Secretary, Student's Association, and should include qualifications which the applicant holds

APPLICATIONS CLOSE WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 5, 1955

The Executive reserves the right to make an appointment outside of the applicants

dence." The motion was put and lost.

Mrs. Allison moved an amendment to read a general censure on all executive members, suggesting that other members of the executive could be excluded from the censure motion. Mr. Kent asked for a clarification, were Mr. Whitta and Mr. Marchant members of executive at the present time? The Chairman replied that he had ruled that they were not. Mr. Curden said that apart from the reports in "Salient" and discussion with members of executive there was no way of finding all the facts. The meeting, in his opinion, had not sufficient material available to vote on the matter. Mr. Shaw withdrew his pro forma seconding. Mr. Gibbons gave a firm seconding. Mr. de Cleene after stating that he opposed the amendment, moved the closure, which was carried a yeace, and the amendment was declared lost. Mrs. Allison called for a division, the amendment was declared carried by 38-24.

An amendment defining the Executive as that of 22nd June was moved. Miss D. Lescher said that Mr. Marchant's resignation was intended to strike at apathy within the executive, and had done its job. Mr. Curtin agreed, said that if there were reasons for no confidence he would gladly hear them, but none had been brought forward. Mr. Hubbard quoted Burke, "Let us argue, let us contemplate, but for God's sake, let us PASS ON!" and moved the closure. The amendment was put and carried. On the substantive motion, Mr. B. V. Galvin said he took a very strong stand on the matter, which had arisen through a misunderstanding. The executive consists of 13 people, and there will always be divergence of

personalities and individual methods of getting things done.

We cannot judge an executive in nine weeks, said he, and a little more understanding by members of executive may have prevented the entire occurrence. There was also an illusion at large that the executive had merely to move a motion in order to get a thing done. This was incorrect. Only with understanding by all concerned could there be progress. Mr. de Cleene moved that the motion be put, which was carried.

The motion of censure was declared lost and the meeting turned at 10 p.m. to consider the motion moved by Mr. R. Polson, "That this meeting joins with the AUCSA in calling for the abolition of capital punishment." Mr. Polson spoke for the motion, Mr. D. Somerset seconded it. The issue of capital punishment, suggested Mr. Polson, was of the utmost importance to the community. He failed to see how the standing of the University in the public eye could be regained unless the students took a stand on questions such as this. He would rather see 100 guilty men go free, said he, than see one innocent man sent to the gallows as had happened. Mr. Somerset said that by every indication at present available, the number of murders decreased when capital punishment was rescinded.

Mr. Curden opposed the motion, on the grounds that it was not the place of the meeting to present a minority opinion. Mrs. Allison replied to an allegation that this was a political matter by saying that it is not fair that any stigma attached to one club be transferred to a worthy motion proposed by individuals. The factual material brought forward at the meeting

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WINTER TOURNAMENT 1955

Shield Goes South

VICTORIA could only take third place in the New Zealand Universities Winter Tournament held in Dunedin recently. After winning the Winter Tournament Shield in Wellington last year, VUC looked forward to its retention this year. However, when teams in the various sports were announced, it was found that many of the College's outstanding sportsmen were unable to make the trip. This cast a doubt in the minds of even the most optimistic and these doubts were to be confirmed as the tournament progressed. Vic teams, however, gave or asked for no quarter and competed to the very best of their ability.

Sports in which Victoria gained first place were Fencing, Men's Indoor Basketball and Table Tennis. Five of our competitors won NZU Blues and many more were selected to represent the combined Universities in their chosen sport. Our congratulations to Canterbury, but also a word of warning. . . . Our trophy case is never too full for the Winter Tournament Shield not to find a prominent place! So look to your laurels, we'll be down in Christchurch in force next year. Details of the various sports follow.

TABLE TENNIS

Victoria's Table Tennis team, although not as strong as that of last year, gained all but one of the six titles at Dunedin. The Railway Social Hall provided good lighting and ample space, but the tables were slower than is usual in Wellington. However, this did not prevent a good victory in the Teams' Competition and an overwhelming success in the Individual Tournament.

In the first teams' match against AUC, everyone played well and Victoria won comfortably. The second, the final against CUC, was very close in the men's section but the VUC women carried the day for a 11-7 win.

The Individual Championships began on Tuesday morning and the net result in these was Victoria's carrying off of four of the five titles, dropping only the Women's Doubles. In the final of the Men's Singles, Alan Robinson retained his NZU title by defeating Gardner of AUC in a very close contest, the final score being 27-25, 20-22, 10-21, 22-20, 23-21. This match lasted something over eighty minutes and was easily the best game of the week.

Victoria's other wins were notched by Elizabeth Lesser in the Women's Singles, Miss Lesser and Robinson in the Mixed Doubles, and Robinson and Wim Verhoeven in the Men's Doubles. The other members of the team all played their part in winning of the teams' event and it was unfortunate that Roland Woods should suffer from a severe bout of influenza and be domiciled in Hospital for the latter part of the week.

Elizabeth Lesser and Alan Robinson were selected to play for NZU against Otago and Alan won a well deserved NZU Blue after beating both the Otago top bracket.

GOLF

VICTORIA failed to retain the Golf title which she won at Wellington last year, but took second place to the home team, Otago. Three of the team qualified to compete in the NZU championships. They were Peter Carver (162), Barry Boon (166) and Brian Bennett (168). Bennett, playing very steadily, won his first round match but was eliminated in the next. Boon and Carver both went through to the semi-finals, where Carver won his way into his second NZU final, but Boon, not playing to his true form, threw away several opportunities and lost his match 1 down.

The final between Peter Carver, the holder, and Tracy of AUC was a great contest in which Carver just had the edge on his opponent and won an exciting game. The umpire who is the professional to the Otago Golf Club, expressed the view after the match that both players would go a long way in golf and that their game would not have disgraced an international competition. The overall standard at the Tournament was surprisingly high, considering the wet conditions underfoot.

Boon and Carver were selected to represent NZU against Otago and Carver was awarded the high honour of an NZU Blue, his second in two years.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

THE Victoria team failed to rise to the heights which won them the Holland Shield at last Winter Tournament. They did, however, manage to take second place to the strong Otago combination. Capably led by HAZEL BLICK, a seasoned veteran, the young side defeated Auckland 25-19 and Canterbury 20-18, but went down to Otago 20-31. They were unlucky to be drawn against Otago in their first game, as with the match-playing experience they gained during the Tournament they could well have beaten them at the end of the week.

A solid core for the team to evolve its play around was provided by Hazel Blick, Ann Couling, Judy Davenport and Betty Beasley, all of whom represented Victoria last year. The remainder of the team were less experienced but played up to full capacity at all times. One who really improved over Tournament was Kath Bedingfield whose play won her a place in the NZU team, along with Blick and Davenport. The shooting practice which the team put in before they travelled south paid off, as the game against Canterbury proved. From Victoria's total of 20 points, no fewer than 10 were from penalty shots. Congratulations must go to Hazel Blick for her appointment as NZU captain.

Student Affairs

"In working out his philosophy," said Sir David Smith to Senates recently, "the student should be aided by the training for citizenship which he should obtain by participating in student societies and by assisting to manage and to control them."

"In our country in which the fear of a secret police does not hinder voluntary association, there is nothing to prevent our students from combining the study of great themes with practical experience in solving the age-old conflict inherent in the conduct of a free society, in learning to be tolerant, to recognise duties as well as rights, to reconcile independence with teamwork, and freedom with authority."

"He may even, though young, get some practice in that apparently phlegmatic aspect of courage which we so admire in the armed forces and which is also so greatly to be desired in statesmen. Said Mr. Stanley Baldwin when stating the test for choosing his successor as Prime Minister of Great Britain, 'What is chiefly wanted is someone who will not get rattled when there's trouble about.'"

MINIATURE RIFLES

In spite of a magnificent exhibition of shooting by Ysabel Corkill, the VUC smallbore rifle team as a whole was unable to compete with the spectacular scores of the other three major colleges. In the Tournament Shield competition Miss Corkill highest-scored, shooting six cards without dropping a point for a total of 600.51. She went on to drop two points in the North-South and NZU-Otago matches, finishing just behind Dave Knight (O.U.) with a total of 998.81.

For the fourth successive year, OU (and ex-Massey) representative Knight out-shot and out-drank everyone to gain Blues in both "sports". Indicative of the spectacular rise in standard of shooting this year was the attainment of previous Blues standard (total 990) by no less than ten competitors. Our congratulations to all Blues winners, particularly Miss Corkill, and sympathy to Brydon Williamson who suffered from the Blues Panel decision to raise the standard this year.

SOCCER

A weak team with no reserves, facing strong opposition on heavy pitches. . . . This was VUC's Soccer plight in the Winter Tournament at Dunedin. The Victoria team, comprised wholly of lower grade players, proved to be no match for the stronger combinations of the three other major colleges. The side lost to Otago 0-7, Canterbury 1-5 and Auckland 0-3. However, the side did develop more cohesion in each match and every player has gained valuable experience which will help him in his Soccer career.

Although the team could not notch a victory, two of the side caught the eye of the NZU selectors and were chosen to represent NZU against an Otago side. They were Stan George and Doug Law. Both played well in this game and should be a valuable asset to the VUC team in Christchurch next year.

WOMEN'S HOCKEY

Victoria failed to win a game in the Women's Hockey at Dunedin, losing to Australia 1-8, AUC 1-3, CUC 2-5 and OU 0-5. The team was unlucky to be drawn in all their matches on the first two days of the Tournament whereas the other teams had the play spread over three days. In their first game, under atrocious ground conditions Victoria lost to the Australian Universities side 1-8 after leading 1-0 at half-time. Jo Hirschberg netted after three minutes but the Australians ran away in the second spell to score eight goals in quick succession. In their other games VUC failed in many attacks through lack of combination and poor passing.

Those who impressed in the Victoria team were Mary Huntley and Ruth Kingsford, both of whom played consistently well on defence, and Jo Hirschberg and Elizabeth Crisp, who spearheaded the VUC attack.

Misses Hirschberg, Crisp and Wellwood were selected to play in the NZU trials but were not chosen in the final team to play Australian Universities.

WINTER TOURNAMENT SHIELD POINTS

	AUC	CUC	OU	VUC
Association Football	7	7	7	—
Men's Hockey	—	3	12	6
Women's Hockey	6	12	3	—
Men's Indoor Basketball	2	4	—	8
Women's Indoor Basketball	2	—	8	4
Table Tennis	2	4	—	8
Cross Country	4	8	—	2
Fencing	—	1	3	6
Miniature Rifles	1	6	3	—
Golf	1	—	6	3
Badminton	8	2	4	—
	33	47	46	37

CUC 1st; OU 2nd; VUC 3rd; AUC 4th.

BADMINTON

The VUC Badminton team at Tournament was unfortunately relegated from its title-winning status of 1954 to bottom position at Dunedin. The team failed to score a win, losing to Auckland 6-10, Canterbury on points and Otago 5-11. The two top men, Jim Thomson and Graeme Russell, again swept everything before them, the women played well and won as many matches as they lost, but unfortunately the two men in the lower bracket did not live up to expectations.

Thomson remained unbeaten and put up a very creditable performance in the NZU and was again unlucky not to win an NZU Blue. Russell was also selected for the NZU team.

The following VUC competitors won NZU Blues at Dunedin:—

- Diana Fussell (Fencing).
- Ysabel Corkill (Miniature Rifles).
- Ralph Salt (Men's Basketball).
- Peter Carver (Golf).
- Alan Robinson (Table Tennis).

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

Fielding a very strong team and playing a very attractive style of basketball, Victoria retained the Winter Tournament Mens' Indoor Basketball title which they won in Wellington last year. In the five games they played, the Victoria team scored 301 points as against the 139 registered by their opponents. Top scorer for the side was Ralph Salt who played brilliantly throughout the Tournament and notched in all 90 points. He was ably supported in the forward line by Peter Darracott (77 points) and Jim Lewis (62). This extremely dangerous forward line was a great asset to Victoria and several of the opposing sides were simply demoralised by the speed and accuracy of this trio.

The Victoria basket was very capably defended by Ted Wright, who notched 39 points with his accurate long shots, and Cliff Hoy. These two were in great form, both in defending their own basket and in setting up attacks on the opposing goal, and with Peter Doogue who was interchanged between the centre and guard positions, formed a defence which their opponents found very hard to penetrate.

The only game in which the Victoria team met with real opposition was that against Canterbury, whose team included B. Bradley and A. McRae, New Zealand and Canterbury representatives respectively. An initial lead of eight points unsettled the Canterbury side, but they attacked strongly whenever in possession and the game developed into a hard struggle between two teams who were both aware that the winner would take the Tournament title.

The close guarding of both sides produced many fouls, and Victoria netted ten of these to maintain the lead throughout. At half-time the score was Victoria 16, Canterbury 15, and although Canterbury tried everything they knew to take the lead in the second spell, Victoria ran out the winners, 32-28. Bradley, the NZ centre strove mightily to get through to the Victoria basket, but the triangular defence of Wright, Lewis and Hoy held and he was unable to bring his team victory.

In their other games, Victoria defeated Lincoln 94-26, Auckland 41-23, Massey 71-23 and Otago 63-39.

No fewer than five of the team were selected to represent New Zealand Universities, Wright, Salt and Darracott for the "A" team; and Lewis and Hoy for the "B" side, Lewis being appointed Captain of this side. All played extremely well and Ralph Salt was awarded his second NZU Blue for Indoor Basketball.

Night-Schools

Fears that the University would be regarded more and more as an advanced technical or vocational training school, were expressed at the Senate's annual meeting last month.

Sir David Smith pointed out that the population of the country is rapidly increasing, and that this fact alone, under existing international conditions, involved an increasing demand for technical services.

"But strangely enough," said Sir David, "through the fear of universal death from the use of thermo-nuclear bombs, the prospect of a long-continued peace for mankind, undisturbed by any major war, seems to be rising above the horizon and that prospect will invite able men to multiply their plans to produce useful commodities through scientific processes."

"In consequence, Government and private business will make increasing demands upon the University for graduates and for holders of diplomas or certificates in some branch of applied science. As a further consequence, unless we are on our guard, specialised and limited studies will be unduly valued and the University will come to be more and more regarded as only an advanced technical or vocational training school."

"That view is widely held here already and there have been many complaints in the University world, both here and overseas, that most University students have no idea of the breadth of outlook which a University should provide, and that, today, they look upon the University only as a place which will train them for a profession or for some technical skill."

MEN'S HOCKEY

THE VUC team in this sport gained second place, winning four of its five games and scoring 24 goals as against 3 netted by their opponents. Their record was wins against OU "B" 4-1, AUC 5-1, CUC 5-0 and MAC 10-0 and a loss to OU "A" 0-1.

The ground conditions were very sticky throughout the Tournament, and the game against OU "A" might very well have been won had the inside forwards been able to get moving in the mud. Also, these atrocious conditions made it very difficult to control the ball and many promising moves went astray because of this.

Most of the games presented little difficulties as the scores indicate and the defence was seldom fully extended. MURRAY HUMPHRIES in goal played particularly well and only three times was he passed. CALKIN and BERESFORD were selected to represent NZU against Otago.

S-E Asian Scholarship

A South-East Asian scholarship scheme is to be investigated by the constituent colleges who will report back to NZUSA at Easter next year. The tenure will be for two years, of value £500 per year and available to an Indonesian student for post-graduate work in New Zealand. This was decided at the NZUSA Council meeting at Dunedin, during the vacation.

Major colleges will be expected to raise £220 each to support the scheme. Purpose of the Scholarship will be a further practical step "to give expression to the Association's policy of having closer liaison with students in South-East Asian countries."

VUC delegation voted against the proposal on the grounds that they were required constitutionally to consult their Accountant on all financial matters, but they did not wish their dissent recorded.

FENCING

FUELDING their strongest team for some years, the Victoria fencing team travelled to Dunedin determined to retain the Winter Tournament title and win the newly-presented Otago Fencing Shield. They achieved these aims and in so doing gained six Tournament Shield points for VUC.

In their first contest, VUC men defeated Auckland 16 bouts to nil, while the women just scraped home against Otago by winning the odd bout in nine. Meanwhile, OU men had beaten CUC on points after drawing 8-8. In the afternoon, VUC beat CUC 12-4, and Otago decided to do some intensive training that evening.

Monday night saw some restrained (?) entertainment and Otago captain Mike Tait attended the delegates' dinner with Victoria's captain Tony Ellis, where each tried to condition the other for the morrow. Tuesday morning saw VUC women defeat CUC 8-1, and Victoria faced Otago in the virtual final of the men's fols. In a very closely contested bout OU ran out the winners 9-7.

The contest was highlighted by a classic struggle between the opposing captains (a continuation of the delegates' dinner). After being down 2-3, Tait managed to draw level at 4-4, and after an extension of time had been granted pushed through the winning attack to take the bout 5-4. Chris Beebey fought very well in this pool to win three of his four fights, but even his hair-raising tactics could not bring victory VUC's way.

In the afternoon VUC women beat AUC 6-3 to win the women's section and in so doing clinch the shield for Victoria. In the unofficial sabre event VUC were placed second. In the NZU team to fight Otago, Victoria were well represented, Tony Ellis and Chris Beebey fighting in the men's section, and Diana Fussell and Alison Hancock in the women's. The Fencing Council recommended Fussell, Hancock and Ellis for NZU Blues and Miss Fussell was awarded one. She richly deserved this honour as she fought magnificently to beat Mrs Mitchell, the provincial No. 1 women fencer, and we offer her our heartfelt congratulations.

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A Liberal Education

A liberal education should produce more than a highly trained intellect. It should help to provide a satisfactory philosophy of life," said the Chancellor of the University of New Zealand, Sir David Smith, in his annual address to Senate at Lincoln College last month. "Newman declared this thought when he said

A habit of mind is formed which last through life, of which the attributes are freedom, equitableness, calmness, moderation and wisdom; or what in a former discourse I have ventured to call a philosophical habit.

. . . . (It is not) the function of a University, as a University to inculcate any particular creed or philosophy In a University which is freely organised and not conditioned to some pre-determined end, the true student is likely to arrive at a worthy philosophy of life. Experience shows that when a student can freely study with the aid of scholarly exposition, great literature, whether secular or religious, history or philosophy, it is likely that that which is best, that which is first-rate in human personality will make its own appeal to him and will be adopted by him.

"I think also that the free and untrammelled pursuit of science should likewise tend to the perception and adoption of noble ends. For the scientist pursuing truth must have regard to the views of others and must recognise that he himself may be wrong until his solution has been demonstrated as true.

"Scientific work therefore should develop a respect for human personality and a feeling of co-operation. On the other hand, science cannot give the knowledge of what Plato called "the science of good and evil" which can be derived best from the study of the great problems of human personality and these are revealed, as I have indicated, in great literature, in history and in philosophy."

Greater Use of External Examiners Urged

Replying to criticisms that pass standards of certain subjects varied greatly in different colleges, the Chancellor suggested last month that greater use should be made of external examiners.

"It seems to me," Sir David said, "that the effective use of the external examiner would ensure not only adequacy of standard but also reasonable equality of standard. To ensure the attainment of these objectives, however, the use must be effective. With the increasing demand for University graduates which is bound to arise in our expanding economy, it is my view that it is not only in the interest of the student and of the University but also in the national interest that students should receive their degree when they have attained in each subject the standard which a competent Board of Examiners would think reasonably adequate for the degree in question.

"They should not be refused a pass at any stage in the course because a particular Professor sets a standard which would seem unnecessarily high to a competent Board of Examiners. On the other hand, the general maintenance of a reasonably adequate standard would prevent a student from gaining any undesirable advantage by proceeding from one college to another where the standard in some subject or subjects was less than adequate."

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was worth considering. If 2300 students prefer not to attend general meetings then this meeting can well express its minority opinion as that of the active student body. Mr. de Cleens opposed the motion.

Mr. J. Whitta moved an amendment to the effect that a secret ballot of the Association be taken on the matter. MRS. ALLISON, MR. POLSON pointed out the urgency. MR. POWLES seconded the amendment. MR. CURTIN then moved the closure, which was carried: the amendment was lost. MR. POLSON then moved an amendment to the effect that the vote be taken at the meeting, and that a secret ballot be held afterwards. The amended motion was then put and lost, the original motion was passed 37-15. MR. CRUDEN drew the attention of the Chairman to the state of the meeting and observing no quorum, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 11.5 p.m.

DRAMA

"THE ART OF BEING HAPPILY MARRIED"

(By ANDRE MAUROIS)

The drama team gained third place in the competition, not because of any failings on their part so much as the limitations of the play which did not have as much dramatic scope as the winning plays. The actors succeeded in conveying to the audience Maurois' gentle irony and his profound knowledge of human behaviour, and successfully sustained the mood through the play which gave it a unity which it might have otherwise lost consisting as it did of two somewhat disjointed scenes.

The judge's comments were on the whole very favourable, and she particularly remarked on the talent of the two young leading actors, who suffered mainly through lack of stage experience. Heather Scott, who developed a very rare and attractive husky voice due to an attack of laryngitis, had a very charming stage personality; and once she learns to make more use of changes in tone and mood should go far in drama. Laurie Atkinson had a natural manner and seemed completely at home on the stage, but did not emphasise clearly enough the difference in age between the two scenes.

The team was not unlucky not to win. The OU and CUC plays were very good and had more to offer as stage plays. VUC's play was not technically smooth at all times which is very often the main difference between the winning play and the runner-up, but the team is to be congratulated on giving a performance which kept the audience and themselves entertained for a most interesting half hour.

DEBATE WON

The debate held last Friday in the Little Theatre against the "22 Club" on the subject, "That capital punishment should be abolished," was won on a vote of the House, 19-12. The judge, Mr. K. B. O'Brien, placed the floor speakers as follows:

- 1, H. McNeill; 2, B. Brown; 3, G. Cruden; 4, J. Dawick; 5, B. Shaw; 6, T. Thomas; 7, J. Whitta; 7, D. Somerset.

THANKS

I would like to express my thanks and appreciation to those who have assisted in my work as Sports Editor during the year. To Surrey Kent, who is responsible for the fine tournament coverage appearing in this issue and has also been the reporter of both Rugby and Basketball activities. To Bal Roddy for the Soccer reports and to Tony Gov of the Harrier Club. To these clubs and all those which have not received mention on this page we offer our best wishes. And a note of remembrance to summer clubs, Easter Tournament is to be held in Wellington next year only three weeks after the beginning of the session, so it is not too early to elect a Controller for your sport now and to book venues, etc. And so to finals

Ted Woodfield
SPORTS EDITOR

Evangelical AGM

THE membership of the Evangelical Union is currently about sixty. The EU Annual Report, tabled at the AGM on September 2, reveals this, and notes the increase from initial membership this year of thirty-three.

"The year has been one of marked progress in the life and witness of the Union," says the report. Fresher activity included a welcome supper attended by about 90; a formal dinner; and distribution of tiffin-table cards, and members of the EU helped the Association with textbooks and cards during enrolling days.

Daily Prayer Meetings are held in the Ski Room in the lower gym., and the report adds "we badly need the use of a quiet room at College." Dr. Guinness' mission was attended by an average of 190 persons, although at times 350 attended. "God far exceeded what we had expected and hoped. Some students received Christ as Saviour, and many others were greatly blessed. We know that through this week a great work of the Holy Spirit has begun in our College."