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Exec Spends More Time Doing Less We Are Fed Up!

After the Special General Meeting on the Executive's management of student affairs at the beginning of the year, SALIENT thought it saw the appearance of a swallow heralding better weather. It turned out the swallow was merely peristalsis of some exec. oesophagi.

We didn't go all out to support Don Hampton (now no longer with us) because we didn't like his methods, and thought the shock exec. would get from the packed meeting would be sufficient to jerk them out of their lethargy. We were wrong. Frankly, on recent showings WE ARE FED UP with almost the whole lot of them.

We don't suggest they are lazy. In fact, the present incumbents have probably spent more time doing less than any of their predecessors. And if anyone can read between the very tight lines of the exec. minutes one will probably find they have pursued more irregular practices than any of their predecessors.

They have been full of good intentions and remarkably little action.

Take the question of the CAFETERIA alone. This issue first came to a head in the very first week of term. It caused much heart rending and serious thinking from everybody. By Easter a report had been brought down, which turned out not to be quite the last word that had been expected.

A sub-committee was set up. It eventually met after Easter and after some members of the sub-committee had taken the law into their own hands and done some investigation. This refuted the exec's report and made certain recommendations. As these recommendations included bringing

an outside caterer in to look at the situation, SALIENT felt it shouldn't report the matter till Miss Rosie had been told.

At the time of going to press Miss Rosie had still not been told.

There were reasons for this of course. Exec had so many things to catch up on that it was some time before it could consider the sub-committee's report. Then following an uninformed discussion the report was adopted.

TOO TOUCHY

Normally David Wilson has taken Cafeteria under his own wing. Apparently this time it was too touchy and he delegated Cherry Pointon to do the dirty work (just before Queen's Birthday Weekend).

Interestingly enough, SALIENT'S suggestion that the cafeteria was progressively being pushed into the background because it was touchy, has never been denied.

But this is only one leaf in a teacup of storms. Two rental vans were hired for the Proceh and Cappcade sales. One of them was returned soon after, but the other was kept on extended hire, for the Indonesian Study Tour, Extravaganza, and the association's annual cocktail party.

We don't suggest there might not have been a good reason for this but we want to know why individual members of exec. were able to run up as much as 500 personal miles each?

UNCONSTITUTIONAL

Why too was a special meeting of exec called at the Opera House (unconstitutionally) to put the charge for the hiring through three separate accounts. A later meeting ratified the minutes of that meeting (they were unable to confirm them because of the unconstitutional position), but decided with a sudden twinge of responsibility that the vans should be charged to one account only.

The ratification was done despite the dissent of the women's vice-president, Cherry Pointon, who had only been told of the special meeting 10 minutes before and refused to attend.

President Wilson was away sick at the time and the constitution lays down the two vice-presidents must act jointly in such circumstances.

Undaunted, vice-president John Hercus carried on regardless, as he did frequently during Wilson's absence.

Not that Wilson himself has so much to be pleased about. Whether it was denied at the S.G.M. or not, there is not much

BEWARE!

The Annual General Meeting of the Association will be held on Tuesday, June 30. In view of the lackadaisical attitude of the present Exec. we urge students to attend this meeting in numbers at least as great as those at Don Hampton's Special General Meeting.

love lost between him and the rest of exec (with the possible exception of one female member). Quietly it is said that he is a "Tyrant" and our reporter at the last meeting felt this wasn't far from the truth.

NO CONFIDENCE

He has lacked confidence in exec, and they in him. When on rare occasions, he delegates, he does not seem to check the results very carefully, and often goes on his merry way with little reference to his officers.

At least under Marchant and Galvin there were consultations before action.

Exec and Extray is a story on its own. Did they authorise the consumption of 40 gallons of grog on each night of the Wellington season? Do they care? Has this possibly anything to do with the profit of £20 (or the possible loss of £200) the last meeting of exec were told would be made on Extray? Last year's profits were in the vicinity of £2000.

Nor was there any control of complimentary tickets. Dr G. A. Currie and the United States Ambassador, Mr Francis H. Russell, both sent cheques for the Gala Opening, yet on the day, they had to inquire as to what had happened to their tickets; they had not received even an acknowledgement. Last minute arrangements had to be made for the Press complimentarys because someone had lost a key.

And so we go on. What happened to the Easter tournament refunds? What about the bars for the 1958 Easter Tournament, let alone the 1959 bars?

EMBARRASSED

What has been done about the vandalism and breaking and entry round the university? Was executive so embarrassed because their own officers were involved that they had to call a special meeting of officers, which no one else was allowed to attend. The meeting ended with the culprits being patted on the head and told not to be naughty boys again.

What has been done about the proposed Student Warden? SALIENT is sick and tired of being told this is a subject of delicate negotiations.

Is it so delicate that the students are not entitled to know what's going on, or even to know that anything is going on, or that the student warden is really a serious issue?

It came up years ago and still the students know nothing about it. And just quietly few of the exec members really know what is going on.

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Executive gets the raspberry from us.

Editorial

BRANCH TAKES ROOT

At the same times as university councils throughout the country are shouting they can't staff their institutions, the decision is taken to establish two more branch colleges and the same councils rub their hands with glee.

To our unseasoned (academically) minds it would appear that far from solving the shortage of teachers, administrators, et al, the establishment of another institution, let alone two more, will simply aggravate the staffing problem.

It may be argued that some of the staff already engaged in classes at Palmerston North will now be relieved, but this is no argument at all. The number of students there will increase at a much faster rate than if there were no institution and the number of courses to be taught there must steadily increase.

To add to their difficulties the Palmerston North staff (if they can be found) will have the burden of establishing a proper school of extra-mural studies. This will show hardly any effect on the mother institution, for as anybody who has done any extra-mural study knows, it has never been any real burden to the local staff except in a few extra finals papers.

In short, in the midst of a staff shortage, the university and the Government are making it harder to reach anything like the ideal staff-student ratio.

The number of staff needed to achieve an ideal staff-student ratio in one institution is considerably less than is needed in two.

We know that many of Victoria's students come from outside Wellington, but they also come from outside Palmerston North. How much better would it have been to spend the more than a quarter of a million pounds that will be spent in Palmerston North in the next 10 years on improving hostel accommodation in Wellington.

It seems that in answer to local pressures the Government has ignored the national problem, and the university faced with the possibility of getting nothing at all, has once again settled for the second best.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR OBSCENITY

Sir,—I have been wondering why students traditionally show their most obscene side to the public in Cappicade. There seem to be three possibilities:

(1) "The city likes dirt. It is easier to make money with a dirty magazine than in any other way. We want money and we don't care how we get it."

If this is our attitude I suggest the community has no further need of a University. There are already enough people making money by exploiting the less attractive side of humanity. (Why not try running a brothel?)

(2) "We don't care about the money. We write CAPPICADE because we like that kind of thing."

Frankly, I think this is just not true. Students are not so much dirtier-minded than anyone else. If some organisation other than a University regularly published a magazine of the standard of this

year's "Cappicade," students would regard it with disgust and would be among the last to subscribe.

(3) I hope there is a third alternative. Namely, that it is traditional for Universities in New Zealand to produce "daring" capping books. We feel we would be letting somebody down and failing to be dinkum "students" if we are not obscene at Capping time.

This is in fact the tradition which enslaves us, but it is surely an unnatural one. The essence of a student is not that he is particularly obscene or enjoys upsetting people, but that he approaches problems with an open, intelligent and fearless mind. This is hardly the impression given in "Cappicade."

BETTER UNPUBLISHED

There is little doubt that this year's Cappicade would have been better unpublished, but we would all be a little sorry to see it go for good. The effective Extrav. programme ("Time") gave ample indication of what could be done in a different style. Why not, for instance, do an issue extraordinary of the "Evening Post," with a strong political flavour.

And why must CAPPICADE be so long? No wonder the editors revert to the old patterns when saddled with such a huge responsibility. We must become reconciled to being students, who only incidentally publish things for public consumption.

This year's lamentable effort was by no means entirely the fault of the editors. They are certainly capable, and probably willing to produce a magazine of quality, but the University has mutely assented to the unhappy

BLUES AWARDS

The following have been awarded Victoria University Blues for summer sports in 1959:

Athletics.—Jeanette Buckland, B. J. Cooper, L. J. Croxson and R. P. Irwin.

Defence Rifles.—J. Johnson and I. Chatwin.

Rowing.—F. Crotty, D. Cameron and W. Dent.

Swimming.—W. E. McCarrroll.

Waterpolo.—C. P. McBride and T. Richmond.

Tennis.—Jenny Kent, R. J. Greenwood and R. F. Ferkins.

Cricket.—M. Lance, J. Zohrab and W. Haskell.

tradition, and the editors have felt it was their job to follow suit.

Cappicade is an official publication of the students' association, and it is therefore the responsibility of us all to change this tradition.

Yours, etc.,
A. J. S. REID.

PLAUDITS

Sir,—I would like to congratulate you and your staff on the high standards you have established in your issues of SALIENT so far. Congratulations and keep up the good work.

Yours, etc.,
R. E. JONES.

BILLY JONES!

Sir,—Recently there has been much weighing of pros and cons concerning Billy Graham. His name has been liberally tossed about among your readers.

But I cannot condone the attitude adopted by your correspondent R. E. Jones. Personally I am not a Billy Graham fan, but the evangelist's sincerity is obvious to all but the learned Mr Jones. Dr. Graham is giving of his whole self in an effort to bring the right ideals and the right perspective into an increasingly materialistic world. He is bringing the forces of Christianity to combat the forces of materialism.

Mr Jones mentioned monetary rewards in connection with Dr Graham. Would Mr Jones have him live on the traditional bread and water? Undoubtedly it would be of benefit, having the desired effect upon his health and so on his work.

If your correspondent cared to do a little research, he would discover that many parish clergymen in the States, who do far less work, receive higher wages than does Billy Graham. (I don't include what he gets from his literary efforts).

Perhaps the said Mr Jones himself intends to apply for the post he advertised in his letter. Doubtless he could perform the task to perfection!!!

Yours, etc.,
SHERILL ANDERSON.

NO VACANCY

Sir,—I am glad to see SALIENT does not require my services as it already has Mr R. E. Jones.

Yours, etc.,
L.D.A.

SLACK GIRLS

Sir,—On behalf of a group of full-time girl students, I should like to know what the general opinion would be to girls wearing slacks and jerseys to varsity every day.

In our opinion slacks are warm and comfortable, and can be made to look becoming. They are the obviously sensible mode of attire for those of us who are obliged to spend all day working around the "icy" university buildings during Wellington's miserable winter.

However, those girls who so far have ventured out in slacks have drawn very adverse comments and glances.

We should like to know other peoples' views on this subject.

Yours, etc.,
FREEZING FEMALES.

P.A.Y.E.

Below is a letter from the Deputy Commissioner of Inland Revenue, Mr J. E. Curran, regarding the taxation of university students' vacation earnings, which will be of much interest to students.

"The Minister of Finance, in a recent announcement, outlined proposed new legislation designed to adjust the P.A.Y.E. tax in cases where the earnings are irregular during the year or are concentrated into a short period.

"This has rendered unnecessary the present arrangement to adjust the income tax on vacation earnings of a full-time university student after the end of the income year.

"Any student who considers that he is entitled to a refund of tax should make a return of income on the Individual Return—Short (I.R. 5) and forward it to this Department, together with his copies of the tax deduction certificates supplied by his employer. Any additional requirements will be published when details are known to the Department."

Contrary to the requirement mentioned in a previous article in SALIENT, certificates that students have enrolled for full-time classes are no longer required.

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WORLD OF UNIVERSITIES

News of university activities throughout the world is given in this SALIENT feature.

UNION OF S. AFRICA

The bill on racial segregation at South African universities, which has been debated for years, which the National Union of Students NUSAS is vehemently opposing, and which has been condemned in declaration of protest by a great number of student organisations throughout the world, was finally passed on April 10 by the South African Parliament. Thus white and coloured students will no longer study together at South African institutions of higher learning.

NUSAS declared that it would not give up the fight, but will rather call upon the world once more to protest against apartheid in the Union of South Africa's educational system. (Special report).

The Student's Representative Council at the University of the Witwatersrand has discovered that the Security Branch of the South African Police have been receiving regular information from an informer at the university. A girl who had been a Wits student for three years finally admitted to the President of the S.R.C. that for the past two years she had been acting as a spy and had passed on information regularly to the police. She said that she kept a look out for signs of trouble of left-wing activities. This included taking notes at student meetings and reporting who attended certain types of meeting.

When the President of the S.R.C. gave this information to the press, questions were asked in Parliament about Special Branch activities, and the President and the Vice-President of the Wits S.R.C. flew to Cape Town to request an interview with the Prime Minister. This request was refused and was referred to the Minister of Justice, but no letter had yet been received from his department. (Nux, Pietermaritzburg).

DENMARK

Discussion about an academic reform is being carried on with great emphasis by the students and professors of the Danish universities. In the foreground of the debates is the question as to whether a more school-like study plan should be introduced at the beginning of study. Thorough investigations have shown that the sudden academic freedom can often have a negative effect on the young student. Hence it is considered to form the transition from school to university to be more continuous.

The form of instruction is to be somewhat relaxed in the last school year and somewhat tightened in the first year of university study. On the other hand it is desirable that anything which could hinder the young student from doing independent work be avoided. In the future distribution of scholarships a certain principle of selection is to be applied. Above all, attempts are to be made to induce young people who are not qualified for academic study to take up some other profession right away. (Studentbladet, Copenhagen).

EAST GERMANY

Five of the group of "counter-revolutionary" students of the Institute of Technology in Dresden, who were arrested in February, were recently sentenced to hard labour prison terms of from five to 10 years by an East German court. Three West Berlin student representatives from both West Berlin universities participated in the trial as observers. Six more Dresden students from the same group were to appear before the court as soon as this trial was ended. The sentencing of the East German students has caused lively protests among the students and general public of West Germany. (Special Report.)

HONG KONG

An international student photography exhibition is being organised by the Photographic Society of the University of Hong Kong from October 5 to 10, 1959. Students from all over the world are eligible for participation. Each participant can send in up to eight photographs (black and white or coloured), on the back of which must be noted the participant's full name, address, and college or university. Participation fee: 0.50 U.S. dollars. The deadline for contributions is September 7. For further information write: Chairman Ng Shiukeen, A.R.P.S., First International Student Salon of Photography, The Photographic Society, University of Hong Kong. (Special Report).

NORWAY

A United Nations Seminar, in which youths and students between 19 and 28 years may participate, will take place August 8-19, 1959 in Hallingdal. The theme for the seminar is: "Fall of the Colonial System—New Nations in the World Community." The study programme provides for the discussion of problems of the new independent nations under the following aspects: Neutrality or engagement in the East-West conflict; national independence and individual freedom; western aid for the new nations; multiracial, multilingual, multireligious states. The programme also includes an introduction to Norwegian cultural and political life as well as cultural events. (United Nations Association of Norway).

PAKISTAN

At a meeting in Karachi the representatives of numerous Pakistani student organisations declared their full support to the Algerian demand for independence. The student meeting called upon the government to recognise the exiled Algerian Government. (Dawn, Karachi).

PHILIPPINES

An educational Centre of Asia is scheduled to be opened in the Philippines on June 7, 1959. The organisers of the new school, which is expected to become the University of Asia in the future, said it would be opened to both Filipino and foreign students,

especially those from neighbouring countries. Particular stress would be given to Asian culture, economics, arts, sciences and industrial research. (The Asian Student, San Francisco.)

The Fourth International Students Festival, held in February, 1959, at the University of the Philippines in Manila, was attended by delegates from 26 countries and featured educational, cultural and artistic exhibits. Attending and speaking at the opening ceremonies of the three-day festival was the Philippine President, Carlos P. Garcia. Throughout the festival, films from Belgium, Nationalist China, Britain, the Netherlands, Pakistan, the Philippines, Norway, Switzerland and South Vietnam were shown. (The Asian Student, San Francisco.)

BIBLICAL SCIENCE

Application of the spiritual truths contained in the Bible can enable mankind to meet today's problems in a practical way, Friedrich Preller of Berlin, Germany, told an audience here in a lunch-hour address recently.

On an extended tour as a member of the Christian Science Board of Lectureship, Mr Preller spoke under the auspices of the Christian Science Organization at V.U.W. His subject was "Christian Science: Its Healing Message for Men and Nations." He was introduced by a member of the organization, Mr D. R. Mummery.

By replacing blind belief with spiritual understanding of God, men and women are gaining new freedom from fear, worry, sickness, lack, and misfortune, Mr Preller declared. During the course of his lecture, he described healings through spiritual means alone of heart trouble, hip disease and the after-effects of accidents.

According to Christian Science, the basis for the solution of any problem, no matter what its nature, is the clear realization that cause and effect are to be found in God alone and that, therefore, good can never result in evil nor can God be the originator of sin, sickness and death.

Christian Science thoroughly emphasises the necessity for assimilating spiritual sense. Spiritual sense enlightens thought, and such enlightened thought includes spiritual understanding. This spiritual understanding reveals God to us in His true nature.

FOOTNOTE: After being badgered by at least four members of the Christian Science Society as to how the above article was to be written, or, as it seemed to SALIENT, how their propaganda should be put across, we decided not to give them the space we intended.

SALIENT makes it clear that it will accept no direction on how to report meetings open to all students, as this one was. The above supplied précis is printed out of courtesy to the lecturer and not out of courtesy to the members of the society, who did not seem to understand what the word meant.

—THE EDITOR.

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—"Exeter Express and Echo."

The Daffodil Ball—by a misprint this ball was stated to have been organised by the National Society for Cruelty to Animals. It should, of course, have been children not animals.

—"The Irish Independent."

A Kent paper produced this pearl:

Have you a cold? Try — tablets, the really safe, quack remedy.

We have the same eggs for sale that we had last winter. Come and see us.

—"Pyote (Oklahoma) Clarion."

A headline in the "Mexico City Herald" proclaimed—

COPS CAN FIND 96.2 PER CENT. OF ANYONE LOST IN NEW YORK CITY.

A headline in the "Birmingham Daily Mail" announced:

Police mistake at Walsall. Innocent Man released.

The announcement that the vicar has raided a fund for the dead man's wife will be welcomed by all.

—"Derby Mail."

Between any 2 rats is another rat.

Mr Harvie wrote this on the board in a Maths II lecture.

(He had been using rat as an abbreviation for rational number).

An English Government requires holiday engagement for six weeks. —Advt. "Buenos Aires Standard."

The crisis in Persia is dealt with by a special correspondent.

—"Daily Telegraph."

Congress split on question of Congress split.

—"Los Angeles Daily Record."

The German Autumn Manoeuvres will be confined to the Baltic Main Colliery near Sheffield.

—"Bath Herald."

Summer is icumen in Lewdly sing "cucu".

—"Bennington (Vermont) Banner."

When a sheep is seriously cut or otherwise injured, the sheep shall immediately report the fact to the person in charge of the shed.

—"Otago Daily Times."

Keeping all food under cover is the first step towards ridding the house of aunts.

—"Albany Journal."

Jeffries is not old but he finds difficulty reducing his portly waist to the dimensions of a prize ring.

—"Daily Telegraph."

Andy let out a long, drawn-in breath.

—"Saturday Evening Post."

Externally the design is modern, and internally the treatment is somewhat severe, as is usual in a hospital.

—"Daily Telegraph."

For sale: Doctor's sailing dinghy and accessories. Doctor no further use.

—"Yorkshire Post."

SOME GO WEST BUT...

Victoria Goes South

Last summer a four-man party from Victoria University made some contribution to the knowledge of a small area of Antarctica by treating it unconventionally.

Nowadays the emphasis in polar exploration is swinging more and more to the large expedition, equipped with modern mechanical transport, and usually with considerable indebtedness to the taxpayer of the sponsoring country. Particularly is this true of the Antarctic, but the same applies to the Arctic as well.

However, in the northern regions a valuable amount of exploration, mapping, geological surveys, glaciological and meteorological investigations and so on—have been carried out, over the years, by small, modestly - equipped parties from the universities of Great Britain.

Because of the difference in scale of the transport problem at the two ends of the world, University expeditions of this kind to the Antarctic have not been feasible, but in this last summer, by using transport facilities generously offered by the United States authorities, it proved possible to mount one.

VALLEYS IDEAL

The Wright Valley and Victoria Valley area of South Victoria Land was ideal for us. It is most unusual, being practically free of ice—and this allowed us to plan a back-packing expedition.

It is close enough to the U.S. Naval Air Facility at McMurdo Sound—about 80 miles away—to make the support of the expedition by the Americans not too onerous a task. It is a small enough area—2500 square miles—to allow us, in a short season, to investigate a reasonable part of it. And most important, it had only been visited once before, by a four-man party who spent 10 days in the Victoria Valley in February, 1958.

FASCINATING

This fascinating deglaciated area lies to the west of McMurdo Sound in the mountains of Victoria Land. It is separated from McMurdo Sound by the Wilson Piedmont Glacier, which is about 12 miles broad and rises to 1500 feet above sea level.

In the south the area is bounded by the Taylor and Ferrar glaciers, in the west by the inland ice, at an altitude of about 8000 feet, and in the north by the Miller and Debenham Glaciers. The region consists of continental rocks, whose maximum altitude increases from 5000 feet near the coast to 8000 feet near the inland ice plateau.

It is transected by two major east-west valley systems, the Wright Valley in the south and the Victoria Valley further north. Both valleys are more than 40 miles long.

The Wright Valley averages about five miles in width, and for most of its length the floor is at least 1000 feet above sea level. The Victoria Valley is more complex, splitting into three distinct arms in the western half. It is wider and lies between 1000 and 2000 feet above sea level.

During the early years of this century parties from Scott's and

This article on Victoria's Antarctic research has been specially written for SALIENT by members of the party.

Shackleton's expeditions penetrated the entire length of the Ferrar and Taylor Glaciers, examined the Wilson Piedmont Glacier and the Taylor Dry Valley, the deglaciated coastal end of the valley once filled by a more extensive Taylor Glacier.

However, it was not until reconnaissance flights had been made in 1956 and 1957 by aircraft of the U.S. Navy and the New Zealand part of the Trans-Antarctic Expedition that the full extent of the ice-free area to the north was appreciated.

Since ours was the first expedition of this kind to the Antarctic we made it a small one. Three of the members, Dick Barwick, the zoologist, and Peter Webb and Barrie McKelvey, both geologists, had spent one or more summers in the Antarctic, while the fourth Colin Bull, geophysicist, had spent two years in the Arctic.

BASE CAMP

We were taken down to McMurdo Sound in a U.S. Navy Super Constellation and from there to the Wright Valley on December 12 by U.S. Navy Helicopter. A base camp of two pyramid tents and seven weeks' food was established at the eastern end of Lake Vanda, the five-mile long, ice-covered lake which occupies the lowest part of the valley, 30 miles from the coast, and we made also small depots of food and fuel at the eastern and western ends of the valley.



South Arm, Wright Valley, showing Dais mosa on the left (3000ft.) with the 5000ft. high sides of the main valley in the distant background.



Members V.U.W.A.E. expedition 1958-59. Left to Right: Dick Barwick, Colin Bull, Peter Webb, Barrie McKelvey.

The Wright Valley, being long and narrow, and having side walls 5000 feet high, completely controls the local winds—either they blow up valley, or down valley.

We worked in pairs; Peter and Barrie together carried out the glaciological work, while Dick and Colin divided their time between survey, geophysics and biology.

The two pairs worked separately from one another, but, for safety's sake we carried two small battery-operated radio sets and had daily contact with each other, and with Scott Base twice weekly. Using the three scattered food depots we managed to cover adequately the southern half of the dry-valley block and part of the north.

ANOMALOUS

Fascinating is certainly the right word to use for the area. Many aspects seemed anomalous. To start with, the weather was surprising.

At our base camp, which was about 500 feet above sea level the temperature rose on two days to 47 degrees F, while the lowest was only 22 degrees F, and the average for the 52 days that we were there was 33 degrees F.

This is about 15 degrees F higher than the average temperature for December and

January at Scott Base, and about 10 degrees F higher than the value for the U.S. station at Marble Point on the coast of McMurdo Sound, 40 miles east of our base camp.

HOT AND COLD

The winds blowing from the inland ice were warm; those from the sea were cold, and the switch from the easterly to westerly winds of moderate strength was often very rapid, and was accompanied by an equally rapid change in the humidity. The winds from the plateau were much drier than those from the sea.

We should have avoided writing "up valley and down valley" for the following reason. At the coastward end of the Wright Valley the altitude of the valley floor is 1000 feet. In December and January the melt-water from the Wilson Piedmont Glacier forms a considerable river which flows inland for a distance of 25 miles (Is this the longest river in Antarctica?) until it flows into Lake Vanda, whose altitude is 400 feet.

Further west the valley floor rises slowly over a distance of 10 miles to about 2000 feet, and then more rapidly, over the next six miles, to 7000 feet. No water flows out of Lake Vanda and at present its level seems to remain almost constant, so that the water loss by evaporation must balance the inflow, but in the recent past the lake level has been much higher.

During our seven weeks in the field the two geologists covered about 500 miles on their traverses. We now have a reasonably good idea of the geology of the area.

Naturally, the investigations have not been detailed, but we mapped most of the area well enough so that the specialists, with their particular problems, know what to expect here. The extent of the pre-Cambrian metamorphic basement, and of the younger Beacon sandstones, has been mapped, and the relation of these to the intruded granites and dolerites has been investigated.

Over the last few years many measurements of gravity have been made in the McMurdo Sound area, and a few on the inland ice west of Victoria Land. Such measurements allow one to learn about the stability of the area,

CHURCH TAKES A BEATING

What's wrong with the Church? This is a question which is heard frequently, posed by Christians and non-believers. It is increasingly evident in a world which has lost all sense of the reality of God and of His order of life that the Church has, to a large extent, lost its sense of mission to the world.

What is the Church? It is the "ekklesia"—the community of believers who belong to God and have been called by God to be "the salt of the earth." In Christ, God was "reconciling the world unto Himself" so that "all who believe in Him should not perish but have eternal life."

Through the Church, God works by his Holy Spirit to make that redemption manifest to the world. The Church, then, by its very nature and calling, has a mission to the world.

However, the physical manifestations of the "fellowship of believers"—the institutions as we know them—imply that the Church is existing for itself. The Church in the world seems to have become mainly a body of worship divided into two distinct groups—the clergy and the laity.

PASSIVITY

Even in the reformed churches the mass of the congregation have taken a passive role, and are content to allow the preaching elder—the minister—to become an authoritative leader. And yet, the Bible does not make such a distinction—Christians are the "laos," the people of God called and redeemed by Him, not for privilege alone, as is often implied, but for obedience and service.

Christ came as a servant to the world; not to be ministered unto, but to minister.

The Church, as the "Body of Christ," is similarly called to minister to the totality of the individual and to the whole world.

Diakonos—servant, is one of the key words of the New Testament. Christians are called to be servants to God and to their fellows. They are also called to be heralds—to proclaim the Kingship of Jesus Christ.

There is surely no room for introversion in this calling. Christ taught that his followers are the "salt of the earth," the "leaven in the loaf." If then, the Church is to be true to its calling, it must be in the world proclaiming Christ—as Redeemer as consequently as Way of Life.

THE LAITY

But, as we have noted, all Christians are the Church, and the way in which the Church rubs shoulders with the world is in its laity. They are the Church in the factory and the lecture room.

The whole point about the clergy is that they have specific functions within the Church. The fact remains that the ministry of the Church must be made evident through all Christians.

What does this mean? It means primarily that a radical—radical means from the roots (radix) upwards—reorientation of the Church is necessary. Not only the laity, but a sanctified clergy must grasp a sense of mission—must rediscover, through the study of the Bible, why God has called them and hence the urgency of that calling. It is only then that the Church will cease to be introverted, cease to exist for itself, and will hence, with God's guidance, be true to its nature and calling.

(Some findings of N.Z.S.C.M. Study Conference, May 1959.)

Victoria Goes South—cont.

whether or not the land is rising due to the slow removal of the load of ice.

Since the Wright Valley offers an easy route, Bull and Barwick made a 50-mile gravity traverse from McMurdo Sound, over the Wilson Piedmont Glacier and along the valley to within six miles of the plateau. We could not go further in our limited time.

The main results have not been worked out yet, but we did use the gravity readings to determine the ice on the Wilson Piedmont Glacier and the depth of water on Lake Vanda.

Along our route the greatest thickness of ice was about 1200 feet, and since the altitude of the top of the glacier was 1400 feet, the bottom here is very little above sea-level. The greatest depth of water in Lake Vanda is about 250 feet.

SEALS INLAND

The most surprising biological findings were many seal carcasses along the valley floor, from the coast to 45 miles inland. Seals have been found inland in Antarctica before, but never in such large numbers.

We found 99. Some were quite recent, and still soft enough to allow post-mortem dissection; others were very old, so that they had been dehydrated and then eroded by wind and sand until only a few bones remained. Lots of interesting problems are posed.

How old the seals are we hope to find out from radio-carbon dating of the specimens we brought back. Why do they migrate inland? We do know that they eat on the journey—nothing except sand and gravel—but we don't know how long they take.

Because so much of Dick Barwick's time was taken up in helping with the survey work—we took rounds of angles from 10 points in the dry-valley block and on the coast—he could not devote as much attention to the freshwater biology as it deserved.

But we did collect lichens during these survey journeys, noting, yet another apparent anomaly, that they were confined to areas above about 3500 feet in altitude, and we spent a few days collecting specimens from the small lakes near the base camp.

RELUCTANT

When the helicopter came at the end of January to take us back to Scott Base we were reluctant to leave. Our seven weeks had been very enjoyable and most rewarding, but in that time we had not been able to do full justice to the scientific potentialities of the dry-valley block.

Other University parties will, we hope carry on with the work. Ours was a "try-out" expedition and we are pleased that we were able to justify the confidence placed in us by the New Zealand and U.S. authorities, by the University, and by the many New Zealand firms who supported us.

SEX, CAREERS AND E.U.

Two hundred E.U. members from all over New Zealand gathered for the I.V.F. conference on May 11 at a site 36 miles from Dunedin. They spent a week together in prayer, Bible study and fellowship.

Professor Wilson in his presidential address said, "The Scriptures alone give the answer to the stain of sin." "The Christian must be skilled in the use of the Holy Scriptures to be effective."

DEEPER FAITH

Vic's large contingent returned with a deeper faith in Christ and practical Biblical messages. The members also carried home a zeal for the extension of Christ's Kingdom.

Problems of Christian living were dealt with frankly by General Secretary Warner Hutchinson. "The biggest problems facing a university student are sex and finding a career," said Mr Hutchinson. "Both these problems find their solution when a person is rightly related to God through Jesus Christ."

Taking James as his Bible study, Rev. Rob Kirkby presented again this message of this epistle: "Faith without works is dead." "What we hear in the Holy place," said Rev.

Kirkby, "we should practice in the market place."

A strongly Scriptural series was given on the Holy Spirit by Rev. J. Pritchard. "The abiding evidences of the fullness of the Holy Spirit are great love, great joy, great boldness, great power, and great reverence." "The Holy Spirit," he said, "will never come in to glorify you—His job is to glorify Christ alone!"

Dr. H. H. Money gave the missionary address. Few will forget his words. Taking the parable of the Supper, Dr. Money said the invitation of the Gospel had gone out to the streets and lanes—it must now go out to the highways and hedges—the tiny evangelical tribes in South America with their own languages.

By far the richest times, however, for many, were in the prayer groups, in spiritual communion with others and in private devotions.

All realised again the great foundation of Christianity—Jesus Christ as revealed through the Holy Scriptures.

NASH REPLIES

The New Zealand Government abhors recent Chinese action in Tibet, according to a letter received from the Prime Minister, Mr Nash, in response to a petition from Victoria students. The letter is printed below:

"Dear Sir,—On April 3 I received from Messrs J. Kennedy, D. Hampton, J. Salmon and J. Broughton a petition signed by 346 students of Victoria University, asking that the government strongly state its abhorrence at the recent actions of the Communist Chinese authorities in Tibet.

"I should be grateful if you could arrange for this reply to be brought to the attention of the students concerned in some appropriate manner.

REVOLTED

"It has now become quite clear that the repressive measures employed by the Chinese to deal with the revolt in Tibet have aroused widespread revulsion and condemnation throughout the world. This has been the case in New Zealand, as in Asian and Western countries overseas, and the New Zealand Government has made its attitude towards these tragic developments perfectly clear.

"In particular, two expressions of New Zealand views on the situation in Tibet were made in the context of the South-East Asia Treaty Organization Council meeting in Wellington earlier this month.

"On April 7, in commenting on an article in the Soviet forces' journal 'Red Star' which linked the Tibetan revolt with the opening of the SEATO conference, I made it clear that, although the basic concern of the SEATO alliance was the defence of member countries against outside aggression, 'as free democracies we are naturally

concerned at what has been happening in Tibet, as we should be at similar events anywhere in the world.'

"New Zealand also associated itself with a reference to Tibet in the final communique of the conference issued on April 10. In this, after taking note of the steady political progress being made in territories administered by member governments, the council 'noted the stark contrast between these developments, and the situation in Tibet and other areas subject to Communist domination.'

"The communique went on to say that 'As members of the free world community, the members of SEATO share the general concern at developments in Tibet and the widely-expressed abhorrence of the violent and oppressive measures employed against the Tibetan people.—Yours, etc.,

W. NASH."

WINTER TOURNAMENT ARTS FESTIVAL LITERARY CONTEST

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- (1) Best Short Story.
- (2) Best Poem.
- (3) Best of the remaining entries.
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The winners of each section will be invited to participate in the Arts Festival being held in conjunction with Winter Tournament at Otago.

All entries will be regarded as material for EXPERIMENT and the closing date for contributions is 30.vi.59.

Send your entries to—

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Battle With Books

After degree what? When it is finally a question of doing something what is there to do? I can't pretend to help everyone, but perhaps my experience may help some of you to think about one career not usually promoted.

Even in my M.A. year I did not have much knowledge of what was open to me nor, indeed, had my parents. One of my lecturers suggested library work and, after finding out about study and general prospects, I decided to give it a go. In this way I found an entry to a satisfying career. It was not the best way to prepare myself, and for that reason I would like to put better information before you.

After leaving university, I went to Library School in Wellington for a year's study. It was an exhilarating year spent with 20 other students from all over New Zealand. Students now include those studying under the Colombo Plan.

Since then I have been working with the National Library Service in various offices—Palmerston North, Auckland and now Wellington—and in various divisions—School Library Service, Country Library Service and National Library Centre.

BOOK SELECTION

The work I have actually done has included the selection of loans of books for schools and libraries, visits to both, reference work, the giving of help and advice to librarians who wanted to replan libraries or to give better service to their readers. My present tasks include book selections in fields that specially interest me, and assistance with the administration of the Order Section of the National Library Service.

There is a lot of paper work, but I have also had the satisfaction of helping many people to find out what help they can get from books.

For those who seek them, there are always new possibilities. Library service in New Zealand is young and there lie ahead the new fields of regional service, co-operative programmes, factory and church service, audio-visual work, and many others.

For graduates the best entry is by way of the post-graduate course at the N.Z. Library School. It is an advantage to have some knowledge of libraries and vacation work in a library is recommended—not perhaps as lucrative as work in a woolstore but far more informative.

COURSE TIME

The course lasts from March to November, with 15 hours of lectures each week, supplemented by 30 hours of assignments and free study. Courses of lectures are given on such library disciplines as cataloguing, on general administration and on book selection. Many of the lectures are given by outstanding librarians or by specialists. Pay during the course is on Training College scales. Because library service is expanding and developing there is always demand for library school graduates.

People with particular interests are more than ever needed, scientists and economists as well as lin-

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—"Boston Traveller."

guists. Businessmen and research workers are beginning to realize their need for help in finding information.

Pay is not spectacular, but there is less discrimination on grounds of sex than in many other fields of endeavour. An M.A. graduate with Library School diploma would start at £785 in a government library. With any ability graduates should reach £1000 in a few years. There should also be a steady increase in top and second-line jobs between £1200 and £1800.

—M. S. MARTIN.

Laugh with Exec

At a recent exec. meeting the following statements were made: Mr Shaw on a grant of £155—"a guestimate."

Miss Pointon—"Mr Ellis got some fruit juice which is unprocurable."

Miss Beck (discussing the Biological Society's grant)—"Most people are interested in biological circles."

Mr Mason's apology—He was addressing the Carterton Presbyterian Social Guild on "Life with the Italian Woman."

It has long been understood that the SALIENT reporter is allowed to remain at Exec. meetings when they go into committee. SALIENT has never breached a confidence by using information so gained, but feels that in this way we can present a balanced picture to students. We are concerned that at two recent meetings our reporter was asked to leave when the meeting went into committee.

SQUASHED

At a recent Athletic Centre meeting after the Chairman had laid a complaint about the University Club, the Varsity Delegate moved that a letter of protest be sent to the University Club. The motion was passed without further discussion!!!

HYGIENIC DICTATORS

Who runs the universities? What is the most important section of it? At various times and in various ways, no doubt, the students, academic staff, and administrative staff all consider themselves to fill this role. But an unnoticed amount of power seems to reside these days in the cleaners.

It is absurd that student meetings—unless a staff member is present—are liable to be terminated by the interruptions of the impatient cleaners at 9.30 p.m. As a start earlier than eight is precluded by the lecture timetable, this means that student meetings can normally only last for one and a half hours.

This is usually not nearly long enough. Most could well continue until 10 or 10.30. Of course, there is the other side of the story—the university must be cleaned and the cleaners naturally wish to get home as early as possible.

Conditions may be different when the Student Union Building is opened in the middle of next year. But in the meantime something must be done.

There was discussion recently in the daily press about the disturbing nocturnal habits of milkmen, and one person suggested that instead of delivering milk in the early morning when people were trying to sleep, deliveries should be made between dusk and 11 p.m. when very few persons would be disturbed.

It would be a most desirable step if our cleaners followed the same principle of least disturbance and did their work in the early morning, say, from five to eight.

The women cleaners in the Post Office start about 4 a.m. Our cleaners, too, would be healthier for the early rising; they would be able to inhale the fresh early morning air and have their evenings free!

HOW MANY?

A curious and most undesirable custom seems to have established itself at Victoria in the annual student elections. I refer to the fact that although the names of the persons elected to the executive are published, the support which they, and the defeated candidates, enjoyed from the student body is not.

What is the reason for this withholding of the voting figures? In no other system of democratic elections (municipal or national) are these details not revealed.

The withholding of the voting figures may not be undemocratic, in the strictest sense, but it is certainly contrary to the best democratic traditions and it is to be hoped that this year there will be a change in this matter.

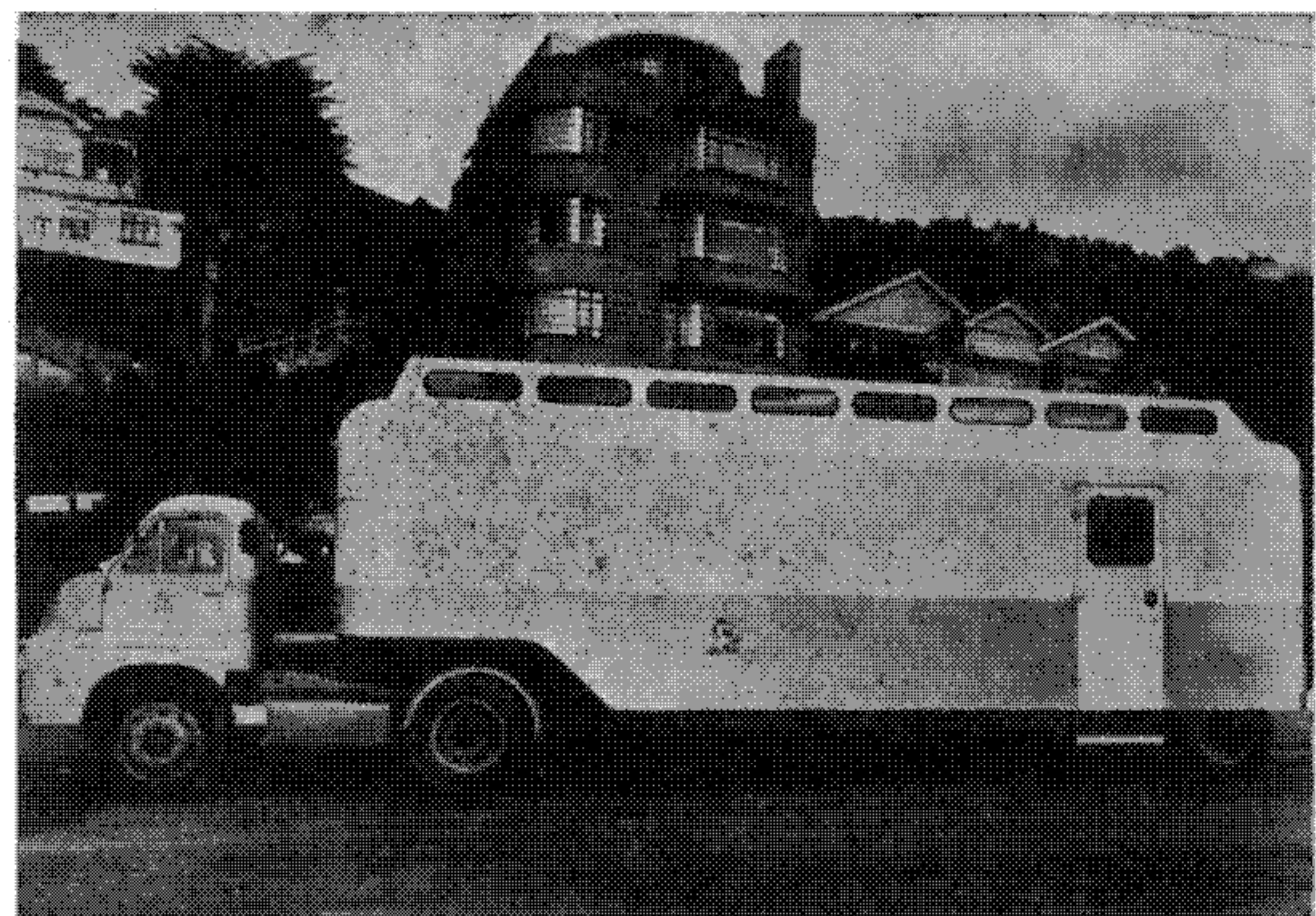
ANY GRATITUDE?

Are there any defenders of the Vote of Thanks? I never seem to run across any of them. Let us have some action, then, and see if we can rid the university, at any rate, of this nuisance.

Perhaps a Society for the Prevention of Votes of Thanks (or the Prevention of Cruelty to Audiences) should be formed?

On the other hand, we already have too many societies, and it would probably be most effective if members of student clubs were to propose at the next committee meeting that votes of thanks be abolished forthwith.

—RUSSELL PRICE.



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REVIEWS...

ON STAGE - IN RETROSPECT

During recent weeks the town has been buzzing with activity, but we feel that there was much of value and even more deserving of comment, and so below we publish our critics' observations on a few productions.

"The Doll"

All praise to the N.Z. Players, J. C. Williamson, and the Australian Elizabethan Theatre Trust for allowing us to see an Australian professional company perform in Ray Lawler's "Summer of the Seventeenth Doll." It was well worth waiting for.

The plot is simple. Two cane-cutters have, for 16 years been coming down from Queensland during the lay-off season to spend it with two barmaids in a suburb of Melbourne. They work hard for seven months of the year, and then spend five months with their unmarried wives, Olive and Nancy. The curtain rises on a drab room, brightened by 16 kemple dolls. Olive is getting ready for the boys to arrive. But instead of Nancy, who has got married, there is another barmaid Pearl, dressed in her "best black" with a string of pearls.

The men, Roo and Barney, arrive and at once we know that something is wrong, and slowly and agonizing the whole truth comes out during the play. Barney, the great lover, has found that the fascination he had over women has vanished. Roo, the muscular gang-leader up in the North, has grey hair and has begun to weaken. Pearl, with all her airs of respectability, hopes to capture Barney as a husband. Olive, the simple and lovable Olive, wants all the wonderful times of the 16 years to go on forever. The tale is told with such compassion and humour that the characters become achingly alive. Lawler has a wonderful eye for character, and his humour arises mainly out of the contrasts among the characters. He has the knack of switching suddenly from comedy to tragedy that leaves one feeling that one day Chechov may have a rival.

If you missed the play make sure you see the film, just for Ethel Gabriel's performance of Emma, the grouchy old mother with a heart of gold. The rest of the cast were all good, though Roma Johnston as Pearl was close to stealing the whole play. It is a tribute to her to say that she didn't. All in all a wonderful evening in the theatre—with a cast that could act as a team, a producer that knew what he wanted and with the ability to get it, and, above all, a very fine play, not only about Australians, but about all of us.

Playboy of the Western World

If I am unable to see or hear most of a play I get angry. If I am forced to give up a good seat in the circle to sit in a drafty seat at the back of the stalls I get angrier. So you will appreciate the fact that I did not enjoy the C.A.S. production of Synge's "Playboy of the Western World." The setting, which was designed to "liberate" the words (from what?), reminded me of a dilapidated coffee-bar, which has all the trimmings, fishing nets and unvar-

nished wood, save the coffee machine. What merit the production might have had was lost on me. The play was, despite the poor acting and set, as Synge wrote it.

At first I thought the director, Ronald Barker, was producing unusual plays and doing them in unconventional styles to stimulate an interest in the theatre. But I very much doubt if he will get an interested and caring public by too many unconventional methods of production which lack artistry. There comes a time when being unconventional for the sake of being unconventional in the theatre becomes a bore.

Repertory's "The Desperate Hours"

Joseph Hayes's "The Desperate Hours" starts by showing us an ordinary American suburban household. The family leave for the office and school. Mrs Hilliard is left to wash the breakfast dishes and to do the housework. Another ordinary day. Then, wham! Their whole world is upside down. Three escaped convicts have picked the Hilliard's house to hide in until the leader, Glen Griffin, has paid off an old debt with a local cop, and until he receives some money. The family is caught in this terrible web of fear and desperation. The play switches from the house to the police station, back and forth as the situation grows worse and as the police start slowly to gather clues and move in.

But where was the desperation that should have been felt all over the theatre? This is a good thriller and it was given a good production, except for this main lack of feeling of danger and desperation. The American accents were poor and often forgotten. Wouldn't it have been better to have let the accents be the actors' normal voices?

The setting was excellent, and, for once, it deserved the applause that Repertory audiences always accord their scene designers whether the setting is good or indifferent.

Low Brow

The Music Society is again proving itself to be a very popular group. The Annual General meeting held on March 25 was well attended, likewise a concert held on April 15, at which several prominent Wellington musicians performed.

At the A.G.M. the following were elected as officers of the society: President, Suzanne Green; secretary-treasurer, David Morgan. Committee, Suzanne Harper,

Jillian Huthnance, Susan Jones, Evelyn Killoh, and Barry Nalder.

Two newly formed groups are the String Orchestra, conducted by Mr Farquhar, and the Plain-song Group, led by Miss Rhind. Under such able leadership these groups are sure to flourish. It is hoped that the Choral Group will be resumed at the beginning of the Second Term.

An interesting feature of this year's programme is a Students' Own Composition Concert, to be held on July 29. As last year's concert was very successful, it is hoped that two such concerts will be given this year, the second to be in the last term. Students wishing to have works performed should hand them in no later than June 30, to a member of the committee, or to one of the staff of the Music Department.

J.B.H.

High Brow

On Tuesday, May 5, at the Training College Hall, a large jazz-digging crowd swung to a varied selection of numbers from the members of the V.U.W. Jazz society plus guest artists. Some items were cool, some were hot, some were serious, some were amusing, but all were characterised by enthusiasm and smooth rendition.

The concert opened with a musical history of jazz from the Dave Goodland trio; the numbers swung well, and the playing made very pleasant listening. The cool touch introduced by the final part of this item was followed up by two thoughtful and inspiring groups; the John Charles Quintet and the Barry Herland Quartet.

Then a marked contrast in theme was made by Geof. Murphy's Dixie Band, playing fast and furious with tremendous fervour.

After intermission came an item which caused some sensational amusement; word jazz from Mark Young—the first number of its kind to be heard in Wellington. Mark broke away from the Ken Nordine nonsense tradition in that he burlesqued a certain well-known poem, giving it the name of "The Pied Piper of Harlem," and a jazz-based theme.

Another real cool group now took over the stage; the Noel Evans Sextet. Their numbers were thoughtful and well-played, and that swingin' beat was never lost.

The concert ended with renditions by three guest groups. The first the Windy City Jazz Band, played dixie with their usual competence and gusto. Unscheduled, but very welcome, were the numbers played by the John Patience Group and then the audience was very fortunate in hearing items by Pat Harrington and Terry Crayford.

All in all, despite wretched weather, the concert was very successful, in fact, real gone man. It fully illustrated the fact that to dig jazz means to have a good time—it's crazy.

Extrav

"Vat '59" revolves around Dave Brown, a back-country hick who comes to the big city of Klitsburg to rescue the country from its dangerous economic situation by making and selling Taipa Gin.

Dave's bright idea is quickly taken over by Walter and friend Quagmire, but their enthusiasm fades away rapidly as the scheme fails.

Dave is on the run, his escape leads him back to his home town where he is acclaimed when his "gin" is found to be the perfect catalyst for New Zealand iron sands.

The plot is flexible enough, hitting, among others the Play-way controversy and the awkwardly-timed travels of a certain M.P. One of the most effective jibes of the show, however, is the song "The Game," a beautiful crack at the country's craze for sport in general and rugby football in particular. Another high spot—the revised version of the New Zealand anthem.

David Lind-Mitchell's impersonation of the Prime Minister, was extremely effective, specially in his theme song "Mr Wonderful." But the full effect of many of the songs was lost in the inaudibility of the chorus.

Many of the other characters, notably John Koolman as Dave (though why a student was not cast in this part we don't know) gave good performances, though none of them approached the polished work of David Lind-Mitchell.

The programme, a parody of "Time" magazine, was a most original and excellent effort.

When such talent for parody as this is shown in the university, it is a pity that such rubbish as "Cappicade" should be offered to the public each year.

S.J.R.



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SELECT FEW MEET FINE INDONESIANS

It is doubtful that a delegation could have been better chosen than the six-man (or at least five men and one woman) team who represented Indonesian students on a recent visit to New Zealand. It was more than a pity that only a SELECT FEW got to meet them.

They were obviously acute observers of the New Zealand scene, as was demonstrated by the haka actions. The comedian of the team, Hamid Alhadad, a political science student from Djakarta, added to some Indonesian folk music at a cocktail party in their honour.

But Hamid could be serious. He was most puzzled by New Zealand students' attitude to politics. "They don't seem to be even interested," he said. He was intrigued by this, for politics are the spice of most overseas students'

organisations, particularly in Indonesia.

The reason was not hard to work out. Kwa Khay Twan, secretary of the National Union of Indonesian Students, and leader of the delegation, in a speech of thanks pointed out that the visit was worthwhile "because the students in Indonesia are thought to be the leaders of tomorrow," and this was an opportunity to meet New Zealand's future leaders. Little did he know . . .

The group was brimming with talent. They could sing, dance, discuss seriously, and laugh with the best. Even the diminutive Miss Krismartini, about knee-high to a mantis, had a personality at least three times her physical stature.

AT THEIR BEST

But they were seen at their best among the Maoris at Ngati Poneke. In no time at all they were at home with everybody. They were fascinated by the hakas and action songs, and were only too happy to perform in return.

It was a pity that more people did not get the opportunity to meet them, vacation time or not. Surely a little more forethought could have been given to arranging a larger student function than the N.Z.U.S.A.'s cocktail party.

SALIENT'S chat with them, all too brief, was an accident of fate and had nothing to do with either the N.Z.U.S.A. or the Student Press Council. The

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latter, in fact, organised an evening to which anybody except the student press seemed to be welcome.

SALIENT hopes this type of student visit will become more frequent in future.

EXEC. EXPOSURE

(Continued from front page)

The constitution is at last cleared up to exec's satisfaction and an attempt was made, again unconstitutionally, to rush its ratification through the student body so elections at the end of the month could be run on the proposed "portfolio system." Because of the shocking organisation of the first S.G.M. called for this purpose, it lapsed for lack of a quorum.

So they resorted to the subterfuge of calling it in a full common room at lunchtime.

At this stage the constitution should only be ratified by the A.G.M. and brought into effect in the coming year not before the election and certainly not postdated as was attempted.

Anyway the S.G.M. was out of order as exec only gave Mitchell and Hercus the power to "investigate the possibility" of calling an S.G.M., there was no mention of power to act.

OTHERS GUILTY

Let not other members of exec sit and gloat because Wilson has taken the brunt of this attack. He has done so only because we believe the president has the first duty to clean things up. There are others who are probably much more guilty, in spite of the amount of work they take on their own shoulders.

This and so much more. Space alone precludes an extended list of the numerous other things which could be put to the debit of exec. Lack of action precludes a list of credits.

What worries us is who will take over, so few are not tainted in some way. The untainted ones are as fed-up as we are.

Whatever you do, attend the Annual General Meeting and really examine the stewardship. It stinks.

UNHAPPY LAWYERS

A year or so ago a most timely article appeared in the pages of this journal with the object of chiding the learned examiner in the Law of Evidence (a well-known Stipendiary Magistrate) for setting an examination standard that could only be regarded as arbitrary and inane.

Shortly after publication the learned examiner was superseded by another whom, it appears, the authorities regarded as better suited to the task of examining students. Now the time has come for a sequel.

No student doing an academic course in a university can be expected to master, during that course, these numerous and complex points of legal practice able to be acquired in actual practice at a later date. No reasonable examiner can expect degree students to gain more than an academic ap-

preciation of the general principles involved; knowledge of more complex issues can properly be acquired in actual practice. Yet the approach of the learned examiner in the Law of Contract (and likewise the examiner in Torts) with his over-emphasis upon legal problems, presupposes years of practical experience on the part of the examination candidate. Clearly, this is putting the cart before the horse.

Throughout the reign of Mr Southwick, LL.B., examiner in the Law of Contracts the marks of those who were lucky enough to pass have been pitifully low, and the number of those who have failed to meet with his pleasure has been remorselessly high. Students with first and second-class terms have scraped through with bare C passes and numerous others have fallen by the wayside, sometimes more than once. Two students, awarded first and second-class terms respectively, whom I happen to have approached, have declared their disgust at the miserable passes given them by the examiner. Clearly this is the result, not of bad examination tactics, but of unsatisfactory examination marking. The broad principles of the law are being neglected in a wishful quest for trivialities and minor points of law. Such a training can only breed a petty and stuffy mind, morbidly preoccupied with the meanderings of the more illogical and impractical branches of the law.

PEN FRIENDS

There have been several inquiries from overseas students concerning pen friends. Letters from these students may be seen at the executive office. Any students requiring pen friends can obtain letters from the office secretary.

Examination results in Contracts, as formerly in Evidence, are becoming farcical. This year at least five students are sitting the subject for the third time; many others are having second tries. In spite of first-class lecturing, it seems that no students from Victoria, New Zealand's leading law school, obtained A passes in Contracts finals last year. It appears that the top marks were in the early 60's and that most of the more gifted students were marked in the 50's. To anticipate the objection that last year's class was of inferior calibre, let me say at this stage that many of those whose marks were mediocre have excellent records in other subjects. Indeed, it is my personal conviction that it was the most talented law class of which I have had the honour of being a member.

I do not think that the lecturer can be blamed in any way; his academic qualifications are outstanding and his lecturing ability is extremely high. Nor can the textbook writers be blamed for this farce. The principal textbook by Cheshire and Fifoot is a masterpiece which has received judicial recognition and approval. I can only conclude that the explanation lies in the policy of the examiner, Mr Southwick. His standards appear artificial and arbitrary and unrelated to the standards of other legal subjects. It is becoming evident to some that the standard of marking in the Law of Contracts is in need of review. Probably such a review will necessitate a change of examiner . . . Possibly such a review will necessitate an enquiry into the whole system of external examinations.—T.K.

HARD WORK

At the Exec meeting on May 26 the Catholic Students' Guild, Drama Club, Miniature Rifle Club and Jazz Club were granted a special bonus of £2 out of the Cappicade account, for their "splendid co-operation and assistance" during Capping Week.

Should Have Known Better

David Wilson described Cherry Pointon as "Exec's Mother Confessor" at an evening for overseas students recently; he went on to say that she was writing a book on the sins of some members of the executive.

Mr Wilson, the executive's legal beagle, then cast some questionable aspersions on the gentlemen concerned. He should have known better.

DYING EMBERS

Students will be interested to learn that the "Skyline Affair" is nearing an end. At a recent Exec. meeting a plan of action was decided upon which must prove favourable to the majority of students.

£300

At a recent Exec. meeting consideration was given to a £300 backing for the forthcoming Drama Club production. After 20 minutes and four motions the matter was referred to the Finance Committee where it should receive favourable consideration.

VERBOSITY

At a recent Exec. meeting Mr Wilson applied the rules of Debate at 11.25 p.m. (Meetings are supposed to finish at 10.30). Business proceeded while coffee was taken, but as the effects wore off the speakers once again started to ramble and adjourned at 1.50 a.m. the business still unfinished.

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