HON. MENTION FOR HUNTER

Ivy Towers Outdated

1944 brought new highlights in the outspoken tradition of Undergraduates’ Supper. Most notable of the student toasts were those to the Professional Board, the exec, and the ladies.

Held this year upstairs in the Gymnasium, which was incidentally looking its best, the undergraduates and graduands (ostentatiously wearing free tickets) and staff sat down to table. After a tasteful pause during which a large amount of food disappeared, Mr. Boyd, chairman, raised a glass for the evening, called on the company to drink the Royal.

Mr. W. C. K. Hunter, in the first speech of the evening, rose to speak to the toast of the Professional Board. Mr. Hunter said that at Undergraduates’ Suppers it had always been customary to state the Professors for their fairness, timidity and general academic isolation. Mr. Corser had made these points last year. But the larger view was the only correct view.

Being a Professor at a New Zealand University does not pay as well as being even the poorest criminal lawyer or the poorest public accountant.

Libraries were poor, laboratory facilities were wretched, and there was no Sabbatical year. The staff were denied refreshing contacts with professional life.

And as for their students. They had to lecture to audiences of over a hundred. Such conditions would have been disgraceful in the Middle Ages. Their pupils came to them at a very much lower age than they did to Universities in other countries. They came to the University after passing through the most elaborate and ingenious machine for destroying the natural enthusiasm of youth ever designed by the mind of man. He meant the New Zealand Secondary School system.

The fact that the Professors managed to get along at all was a great tribute to their devotion, and despite these conditions V.U.C. had on its staff men who brought distinction not only to our College but our country.

The only test for men and for institutions was what were they doing about Hitler.

How did the College staff measure up to this situation? Very well. At the beginning of the war Sir Thomas had officially offered the faculty of Medicine to the Govt. This had been supplemented by personal appeals and informal advice from members of the staff, and now one staff member was lecturing 39 hours a week.

There were exceptions. Mr. Winchester pointed out. Doubts on the staff thought they could sit back and make things easy because they were not of age for military service and their classes had shrunk. Could the students throw stones? It was a flimsy glasshouse that some of them lived in. While some students could go on remaining indifferent to the rest of working and fighting New Zealanders, they had not come back.

SUCH HONOURABLE MENTION

Sir Thomas stated that it was the first time to his knowledge that the staff had received “such honourable mention,” and considered the rest deserved it. N.Z. conditions in the Colleges were far from ideal. Lecturing was overdone, staffing inadequate. “We have our rights,” but the attitude between students and staff was easy, he stated.

STUDENT UNION

He looks for the day when a Students’ Union would be formed—student management was efficient, as shown by the cat—they’d be able to conduct their own buildings. Students overseas still had cause to remember V.U.C. when the parcels received, “I’m not going to say the staff don’t make mistakes. We’re not angels yet,” said Sir Thomas, but on the question of repressive action, the staff and Students’ Association could work together to make up for the years lost in fighting for the right.

He looked daily for the day of a Students’ Union Building and Undergraduates’ Council in the future.

The supper continued momentarily, then Gib and his boys gave a tuneful (1) rendering of “Carry me back to Old Nzo Ziland”—an excerpt from the previous night’s show.

GRADUANDS

Mr. R. Daniels, claiming immaturity in dinner speeches, told us that the only successful one he knew was: “All right, dear, I’ll do the dishes,” and went on to say (re the Grads.), “I watched their progress with interest,” and urged them to remember “the letters after your name are not a complete passport to fame.” He stated his view that today war affects the student section of the community vitally. The de-solution of Polish Universities, which used to house 60,000 students, caused much grief, and students gave us an incentive to use knowledge worthily.

PUNISHABLE

Mr. McCaskill stated (re his great age) that he could see an ex-primary school teacher in two categories only—not that he wished to be ostentatious. Also Mildas touched his mother’s-bone for a tax, and after an incredible series of puns spoke of students who made good or went to Training College.

“Gaudernus” was sung with fervour, especially the first verse, when everyone appeared to know.

BRICKBATS

“Tonight I am hurling brickbats: last year I was dodging them,” said Mr. D. Cohen, proposing the toast to the Exec. Of freedom he contrasted painfully with students in other territory. This was not remote from us, but real and near as fascism is the deadly enemy of all culture and institutions such as ours. The Government has demonstrated its confidence in students by excusing many of them from military service. The “duty of students is to study; study as never before.”

The Exec., as student leaders, should be aware of this position—their own criteria should be: for the war effort. The Exec. should rally the students, not wallow in their wake. How does the Exec. measure up? When will they put the war on their agenda? Ivy towers are of the past. Gone are the days when V.U.C. students can consider themselves apart from the trials, dangers and victories of the N.Z. people. I.V.C. days and parcels to soldiers—students were moves in the right direction, Mr. Cohen stated, “therefore not in condemnation but in exhortation I give you ‘The Executive’.”

EXECUTIVE

Mr. M. L. Boyd, in reply, stated that the Exec. was remembering the war, and had to be involved in war-related and cultural activities. He commend- ed the social committee and thanked Sir Thomas for his co-operation.

“Intahzi’s” Rhapsody” and a Romanian Gypsy Dance, “Hora Staccato,” were played by Mr. Johnsen.

THE LADIES

Mr. W. Rosenberg with his usual gallantry first wished to propose the toast to the ladies who made the very excellent supper. After an anecdote or two and pointing out that women are far ever referring to “those Golda Halls” and co-ed V.U.C. as bringing beauty and agreeableness, told us that he does not believe in “the weak sex.” He told us of a lady friend who jilted in—it is the most fortu- nately, it seemed.

After saying a woman was superior in moral strength, the speaker praised the rivalry of this remark by further arguments. He added that the ladies are the life, he concluded; “we all want a peaceful, better world after this war; we want their cooperation.”

Mrs. Mary Boyd regarded the toast as a gesture of co-operation. Women needed it. In everyday life, is their

PRESS BUREAU

The little known institution, known as N.Z.U.P.B. to a selected few met on the same weekend as the N.ZU.S.A.

Auckland brought down a motion favouring its abolition (not carried). The question of censorship was discussed with particular reference to Otago, as being most experienced in this respect.

Rothschild

The national centre this year is to be Christchurch, which gives them the responsibility of editing “Rostrum.” This is the TASK FRIENDS’ publication four centres, and students are welcome to write for it. They may forward their contributions to the editor.

Besides the question of investing N.Z.U.P.B. funds (if any) in N.Z. Cooperative, publishing shares was considered, and Christchurch will look into this matter.

PROJECTED PUBLICATION

The number of subjects of topical importance to students—student health, rehabilitation and similar topics, prompted the Otago representa- tives to recommend that a sub-commi- tees be formed to investigate the possibility of publishing such pamphlets, and the Victoria delegate Bever- ley Williamson and Cecil Crompton, were asked to investigate and take action.

The possibility of a faster exchange of inter-College news was also discussed, particularly on matters of general student interest.

I.S.S.

The total proceeds from the I.S.S. Working Day held last term were £211/4/9. A cheque for the net proceeds, £111/9/6, has been sent to the Secretary in Christchurch, who will send it to the Headquarters overseas.

Once again we wish to thank all those who helped to make this effort a success.

—R.H.I.

fight for equal pay and as they are in every sphere of life today.

Aeolian Chorus was then sung.

Mr. L. Stark spoke of those in Tunisia, Britain, the Pacific, risking and giving their lives for truth and justice; the students on home de- fense, essential work and otherwise kept away, and in proposing the toast looked to the day when dark- ness would be vanquished and the students return to V.U.C.
No Man's Land

Dear Sir,—Your correspondent says that there is a "very, very anti-Fascist" minority at the College. A minority of 95% incidentally.

Our student comrades in the Middle East are very, very anti-Fascist. In defeat, they see a Fascist they shoot him. No doubt your correspondent thinks this is very extreme. It's all for moderation. He wouldn't have them go so far, he says, that he therefore wouldn't have them cut off their ears, or if this is rather overt going, peeling them with breadknife.

Your correspondent signs himself a law student. He should do very well at his profession. Is not a lawyer, sir, one who impartially defends right and wrong for money? There's no stopping a chap who's prepared to do it free. I am, Sir, very, very resolved.

NOT VERY, VERY AMUSED.

Dear Madam,—Although it is not my wish to be prudish or in any way narrow-minded, I do feel that the so-called "Extrav." was vulgar and served no useful purpose. Had there been anything notably good in it, I might have said that there had been work wasted that might have been better used; however, the general standard of mediocrity and worse showed no missed talent, and the result was uninspiring.

DISＧUISHED STUDENT.

Dear Salient.—As a fresher I was not unimpressed with the number of communicative articles published this term. I was, however, astonished to find that instead of constructive criticism, the only matter printed consisted of a series of attacks on all democratic governments, bar the form adopted by Russia. Even this was not so amazing as the discovery that this anarchist group was as small as its noise.

What the aims, a revolution, political or financial, will cause harm rather than general harm to any country. Under an autocratic ruler it is necessary before any progress can be made, but in all cases the very abruptness will cause untold distress, and moreover, opposition to the move itself. If in New Zealand the "Reds" urged a swift change, then they would remain only as the supporters of a small radical party in a divided country.

The communists that the people want is neither so coarse nor Utopian, but it is the rational kind that will create a true democratic State, free from economic and political obligations, the only way a land should be left to the succeeding generation of fellow-countrymen.—Yours, etc.

N.E.M.O.

Dear Sir.—After previous experience with V.U.C. shows I will admit that I viewed the performance at the end of last term with unmixed disapproval. There is a war on—have students nothing better to do than to put on shows so unrelated to present day life that the war was not mentioned in its proper light? I urge those students who attend this College to take on their responsibilities more seriously.

NO-FRESHER.

...This must be about the fifteenth "Extrav." that I've seen, though it would be little short of impudence to call this an "Extrav." This is the time that the College has on exhibition in more, thorough-going bar, and I think that the past year's effort by the College students have reserved their saillies for Hitler, and Mussolini, and sawdust. Comas everywhere. This time the Extrav. has apparently permitted a performance which is a screaming tirade of abuse. Against whom? Against the enemies of our country? No; against the New Zealand Division, against our Allies, against decent private individuals and against a Government which, whatever its faults, is doing its best to see that our war effort is prosecuted vigorously. And this from my old College. I left sick and ashamed.

Salient.

THINGS TO COME

June 10th.—Concert in Music Room by Marie Vanderbilth, 'cellist.
June 15th.—Relationship between Mussolini and Picture Art, by Mr. T. Young.
July 13th.—Philosophical Aspects of Modern Science, by Mr. Whittlestone.
August 28th.—The Maori People Today and Tomorrow, by Sir Api-

Rana Ngata.

"Extrav."—Sad to relate, there still remains at this college a sub-hominid species of student whose main delight is in the organization and wholesale destruction of the enjoyment of others. Their activities are limited to jovial and riotous celebration on appropriate occasions, in itself a pleasant occupation, but extend into the crude and obvious channel of the practical joke. Even the practical joke, when applied be a man of wit and ingenuity, can be a thing of very few still functioning in the city.

Their Work.

The revue had but five minutes to run, upstairs the floor was ready, downstairs the band was waiting— for the ballet to change, officially. When, tired of pursuing on the backs of ballerinas, the saxophone waned, the intermission between acts was engulfed in a white mask of opacity —visibility about a foot. Flash-powder was the answer, set off by these daughters of iniquity (not the ballet) in the circle.

Doors and windows were wrecked open, and although, by the law of the universe, the usefulness of the revue was blotted with a windless night than the band could manage sufficiently for the band to see their fingers, and therefore to play—stout fallers. Their heroic efforts were soon cut short however, by tear gas this time, and disgruntled, they went home.

Thus the second half of the show, these flash-eared howlins for the forthcoming.

(a) The loss of the goodwill of our regular orchestra, one of the very few still functioning in the city. By virtue of this, Tournament Ball came within an ace of being either cancelled or being provided with recorded music alone;
(b) Loss of the orchestra's fee;
(c) Dance and Revue Dance—but for the blood and sweat of a few members of the band it would have been complete;
(d) Bizarre and raw throats—too much of the show.

Are we grateful? No! Of the culprits, one woman alone is known to me. The others are considering a full report to Sir Thomas, which would probably lead to expulsion. A bit severe, perhaps, but they have to put the brakes on somehow.

V.U.C. Dance Band

While our various chemical experts were applying antidotes upstairs, Norm Cunningham, our veritable pianistic gymnast, sailed into action below with an impromptu collection of instrumentalists—drums, clarinet, and Dickie Daniel's squeeze bag. Made quite a success. We were sufficiently so content to continue the dance when it later returned upstairs. More power to their elbows.

There was but one further incident to expound. There stood a tall, hulking figure between a crew of Weir House students and a number of disgruntled dancers. He was nightly or wrongly, held them to blame for a breach of the law, but spirited, entailing use of a hose —补全句子——To be continued.

All in all, an interesting evening, if liable to have unpleasant conse-

quences for the moving spirits. So let it be!
GREAT STUDENT CONGRESS NEXT YEAR

N.Z.U.S.A. WAKES UP

Most N.Z.U.S.A. Conferences are pretty sterile affairs. The two days every year are generally spent in petty bickering over trifling formalities. In contrast, this year's Conference, held here the week-end before last, was like a breath of fresh air. Delegates really got down to the sort of business that should always be tackled. Credit for this is made due to the N.Z.U.S.A. for Need for a Student Congress, Affiliation of Training Colleges, Increased in Boarding Bursaries, Student Representation on Senate, Election of Representative Graduates to Senate, Cutting out of Long Vacations during the War—all these items on the agenda were brought up by our delegates, Miss Anne Eichelmans and Messrs. M. L. Boyd and J. W. Winchester.

CONGRESS

To put first things first. A Student Congress is to be held next Easter. Here it poses a question which was unanimously agreed on—it will be the biggest thing in the history of the University.

Just what is intended? As outlined in Mr. Boyd's report it is this—the largest and most representative Congress of the students of the country that can be got together in a bus, and it is what? First, to discuss "The Student and the Answer to Fascism." Everything now must and can only follow from this.

How will the conference go about it? This remains to be thrashed out by the various committees which will be set up in each College and Training College.

Follow British Lead

Roughly, it will take the lines of the famous British Conference of the National Union of Students at Cambridge, in which 1,600 students from 85 universities and colleges, one in seventeen of all the students in the country, attended.

They divided the matter this way: 1. The Immediate answer (a) Students and the War Effort (b) Universities we want (c) The Universities as the centres of Anti-Fascism 2. The long term answer.

In general the Congress came to the conclusion that the long term answer to Fascism lay in the building of a society in which these anomalies and injustices on which Fascism thrives and exists. They divided the matter this way: 1. The Immediate answer (a) Students and the War Effort (b) Universities we want (c) The Universities as the centres of Anti-Fascism 2. The long term answer.

Faculty Committees were set up in Arts, Science, Engineering, Medicine, Social Science, Education, Architecture and Art. They were asked to themselves what they could do to fight Fascism; what they could do to produce a society in which the bestial Fascism would find no place.

Famous British public men, Mr. J. B. Priestly, Mr. John Hadam, and Professor H. S. Haldane addressed the Congress.

Our Congress here would go much the same way.

In particular, which delegates see will require particular reference are those of Rehabilitation. Utilisation of Science and Agriculture. These are the bodies which the University representatives are to be held. There is no indication as to what extent the bursaries are to be made available.

Regulations Hazy

Lincoln pointed out that they were certainly not being made available to every ex-serviceman. There were seven at Lincoln. One had a 25/6- a-week job and was doing nothing. They couldn't find out why.

Auckland said that there were ex-servicemen who wanted to take a diploma course and special courses were not available for those who wish to take diploma courses. But Lincoln pointed out that all ex-servicemen were taking diploma courses.

Among eligibility conditions that must be satisfied for application for bursaries can be considered is the proviso that the ex-serviceman or woman must have served for at least twelve months. We feel that as it is very likely that servicemen may be in action under that period it would be most unjust to deprive them of the benefits of the scheme. The section requiring that the ex-serviceman or woman have the application within three years of discharge, we feel, might also be deleted. Many wounded will not recover for many years after this war. They will want to take up free studies when they do. This bars them. It must be deleted.

It was also pointed out that those who held post-graduate and special bursaries under the scheme should be expected to exhibit a mental proficiency equal to that of students for three years after their termination. These conditions did not apply to post-graduate and special bursaries awarded during peace time and it was not right that conditions should be any stiffer for railway men. They didn't belong to the Government anything. The people of this country had a debt to pay them.

Science Students on War Work Overlooked

There was a class of students, the report said, that the Congress had overlooked so far as rehabilitation benefits were concerned. These are students mostly Science graduates, who have been called for work in Radio Location, etc., in many cases they have been forbidden to enlist. Many of them were taking other courses than the course in radio-physics that they were doing now. Something should be done to ensure that they have a chance to take up the Sciences they are really interested in after the war.

SHOULD TRAINING COLLEGES AFFILIATE?

Should the Training College Students' Associations be affiliated to N.Z.U.S.A.? Victoria thinks so. Mind, this does not mean the affiliation of the Training College Students' Associations in the various centres with their local University College Student Associations. We hope to see that later. But we do press for it at this Conference.

Our Case. In Britain and in South Africa, Training Colleges are affiliated to the National Union of Students, and the National Union of South African Students is one of the two liveliest Student Federations in the Empire. Everything that goes for them should go for us.

Anything that helps to make N.Z. U.S.A. a worthy representative of the students is to be welcomed. The Training Colleges have no national body of their own. N.Z.U.S.A. could be that body. It could help to make these great advantages which their present weak and disorganised position prevents them taking.

The advantage of collaboration in the sporting field needs no mention. Why should not the same be true in other activities?

C.U.C. saw "no real need for combining." A.U.C. "no real advantage." T.C. Keon

To the contemptible suggestion that T.C. should dignity an intellectual standard that Varity one. V.U.C. replied that it was very much higher. V.C. to T.C. training College students could form their own national organisation. If there was an affiliation the little interest shown among T.C. students in University affairs would decrease.

V.U.C.'s experience did not at all bear out the remark that T.C. students were not interested in College affairs. Our last three Presidents had all been T.C. students, for example, and was selected as President this year by a student of young teachers in Varity affairs.

As V.U.C. was met with this wall of opposition we had to withdraw our motion, but we shall peg away till we get it through.

In the meantime we must show how fruitful collaboration between T.C. and Varity can be, by making our relations even closer than they have been in the past.

FURTHER POINTS

We have a representative on the College Council here. Is it not time that the N.Z.U.S.A. nominated a student representative on the University Senate? Conference thought so and is to move.

Reform of the Senate by the election of responsible graduates approved by N.Z.U.S.A. is also to be investigated.

This was a long discussion on student health with very valuable suggestions from Otago. This is to be made part of our report.

Joynt Scroll is an annual debating contest between the six Colleges. It will be held this year at Massey University. He was selected as the S.C.M. To be quite frank, it was so woolly that delegates didn't know what they were about, they were all prepared to consider it sympathetically. It was decided to "receive with emotion."prints it elsewhere in this issue.

Officers elected for the coming year are:

President: Mr. J. B. C. Taylor (C.U.C.).
Hon. Secretary: Miss Janet Bogle.
Hon. Treasurer: Mr. Myer Goldston.
TOURNAMENT

This somewhat pretentious title refers to the contest between the four Colleges in men and women's hockey and basketball. The interest in inter-College match was such that a field was to be arranged by the men's hockey club, like Tepey "just growin'" until it assumed the grand proportions of a winter-sport event.

The visiting teams arrived on the morning of a bleak, cheerless Friday, to be pounced on, to be harassed, swarmed on, to have their porridge and that antediluvian egg which had been hoarded so long for the purpose.

If Friday was cold and bleak, Saturday went it one better by being cold, but to Monday resulted in the cancellation of the basketball fixtures for the day, including the proposed game versus the Wellington opo.

On Monday, the men wore their hockey players, being made of stern stuff, ventured forth to the Karori hockey grounds, where they proceeded to hack around with wild abandon.

There is no doubt that all our visitors enjoyed the tournament. It was a good social event, but also for the chance to see some of our far-famed marine won.

The heart almost obscured by silver lining—the organisation was poor. Victoria students were poor, they had no hockey and basketball but, oh boy, you should see them at passing the buck. An exasperated "Salent, representative going on someone else," to another trying, with singular lack of success, to gather information, the queries go unanswered. Anything at all was accomplished when seemingly nobody was responsible for anything.

Admitting the tournament was a success, there were many grave difficulties, but nevertheless efficient organisation was not achieved. A better one could have been made and there is no possible way that this tournament could possibly be considered a failure.

The outstanding feature of the play was the enthusiasm of the players and the fair play shown by all. The result of the game was decided by the fair play of all and the players were given due credit for this.

Women's Hockey

Once again Victoria were the perfect hostsesses, featuring all their players in the game. The game was very exciting and the players put on a splendid performance. The game was played on the whole surprisingly good.

In the games against Canterbury and Victoria, the players were very fair and friendly. The match in the first half went to pieces in the second. The half scores were 7—1 and 7—0. The whole team suffered from the inability to hit cleanly and accurately. The third and final game against Otago was played and won with the majority of the goals for Victoria.

In the defence third Gay Torrie and Barbara Sharp made excellent interceptions.

Victoria's team was: M. Beattie, M. Parsons, J. Rosen, J. Strange, M. Wicks (capt.), B. Williams, R. Dowden, B. Sharp, G. Torrie.

Results:

Otago 20; Victoria 6.
Auckland 19; Canterbury 2.
Victoria 14; Canterbury 6.
Victoria 27; Otago 17.
Otago 14.

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SALIENT BOOKS! 1943 Book Drive

A National Appeal for good books and better reading habits...and in New Zealand will be made by the National Patriotic Fund Board. Under the New Zealand public will give quickly and generously some of the members of the Armed Forces must go without books or be put off with indifferent cast-offs.

Urging an American book drive, Wendell Willkie said: "The simplest and surest method of choice is to send a book with someone in many a home to whom you know. We all know men who are fighting or in training. A book sent, carefully wrapped, is a war to their mind. We should also like to read and discuss. For the fact that we are not over this as a squadrons or crews. They are human beings. They are asking for books. Is it asking too much for us to see that they have books to read?"

We need wise counsel and urgently for your cooperation.

Students are asked to make a good response to this appeal. Books and magazines will be received at the Executive Room between 5.30 and 8.30 a.m. Monday through Friday, or may be handed to any member of the Executive.

LETTERS ON INDIA

Of all books written about present-day India and its role in the fight against fascism, Letters on India (in spite of its 150 odd pages) must be one of the most surprising. In reply to questions from an English worker, the author, Mulk Raj Anand, treats all the more important aspects of Indian political and social life - the Peasants, Trade Unions, the Congress Party, the War Effort, etc. Mulk Raj Anand is a socialist member of the Indian Congress. His book is well known for his other books, Entouchable, etc.

Unlike many reviews in India, no "problem of India is presented. This 'problem' is to be found in the author's words, to precisely this: 'We must see that the Atlantic Charter is a declaration of war against Fascism and that the sections are taken to bring the peoples of India under the leadership of the Indian National Congress (representing united anti-fascist India) into a world alliance against fascism.'

Anand emphasises that only the free Eastern peoples - the Chinese and the Filipinos - have proved to be of any value in resisting Japanese aggression and that only free Indians will be capable of defending their country against the advancing invaders.

We are not given a mere criticism and condemnation of British rule but a far-sighted analysis of the existing situation with a plan showing how the people of India can be brought about more zealously behind the War Effort in Alliance with the United Nations.

The book concludes with an appeal to the people of the United Nations: "See to it that everyone achieve this simple basic programme. Only thus can victory be assured."

(Bourne's copies of books reviewed in this issue per courtesy of Modern Books.)

How about it? The Problem

Dear Readers (note the optimistic plural), each year this college produces a book of notes, for some obscure reason, as "Spice." It should, as all the students and faculty agree, apprise us of thought and writing in the University. In this, one of our most difficult periods, we must prove that the vigour and freshness of student activity is not imperiled but strengthened by the place it takes in the Doministon's struggle for an all-out war effort. Now, as at no other time, there is an abundance of subjects demanding your attention - the technique of modern warfare, both armed and economic, the part the universities must play, the contribution of this university, problems of post-war living, the stand taken by various political parties, a host of questions which should be, and can be, answered by members of V.U.C.

Your Contributions

You can do this. Ponder the matter, arrange your findings and put them in concise and logical form. When you are ready, write them, polish them, and send them in. Or again, employ the experience of the "Spice" story and write it. Whatever you can do, write it. Let us project them into concrete form and allow those who have the potentialities - in a peculiarly salutary effect on those confused people who have the temerity to com- plain that Victoria College owns students who are "very, very anti-Fascist conscious outstanding.

Write for SPIKE

Contributions will be received, thanks in either "Salient" or the Executive Room.

AND WHAT ABOUT V.U.C. FOR A CHANGE...

St. Andrews.

The University Women's Training Unit is compulsory for every woman who is not studying medicine or completing a complete degree, but now put in six hours a week and attend classes in first aid, signalling, meteorology, and nursing administration and musketry.

Cambridge.

Both of the women's colleges, Girton and Newnham, are doing peace-time factory work in college and it is hoped to arrange an output competition between them in the near future.

Women at Swansea have been running a girls' and boys' club respectively. Now, as a result of an appeal from the Swansea Education Department, the students are starting a mixed youth club.

S.A.

Following the example of Sheffield, King's and University College, Leeds, have started a factory at College. 10,000 gas masks are to be made and will be paid at unskilled rates. Women students will work four hours a week, and lecturers will join in.

Oxford.

War work in the women's colleges is not only hard. A production of one set of plays for performance to units of the forces in the area and to factory
**BLUES**

‘Nothing Doing,’ says N.Z.U.S.A.

There will be no University blues during wartime. N.Z.U.S.A. has decided that its decision to this effect made last year.

At a meeting of N.Z.U.S.A. a motion that the decision be reconsidered was put by V.U.C. and seconded by pro formers at Canterbury. Both hockey associations had urged that blues be awarded. All were agreed, and by a show of hands the proposal was defeated.

At the meeting, Messrs. Otago and Wellington, with President, read letters from our hockey, football, and basketball clubs suggesting the suggestion. It was argued that as the standard of play was well up to average it was unfair to the players not to award blues. However, the delegates agreed definitely not impressed by these contentions. Otago thought it hard to give blues to some sports and not to others, while Massey declared that while conditions were the same, the policy should be the same. (Unfortunately for this argument, some blues have been awarded since the war began.—A.O.B.) They further declared that if clubs were going to talk about unfairness what about the unfairness to those who did not get them? This was a matter of debate. The conclusion is that no blues should be awarded.

**Hockey Council Meetings**

During the Tournament, meetings were held of the New Zealand Women’s Hockey Council and the New Zealand Hockey Association. The meetings were brief and informal, there being little to discuss apart from the question of blues.

**Women**

Iris Orchard, also of Canterbury, was re-elected President and Secretary respectively of the N.Z.W.H.C.

Delegates were unanimously in favor of awarding hockey blues in wartime and a recommendation to that effect was to be made to the N.Z.U.S.A.

**Men**

Ken Hiddleston of Victoria was elected in place of Arch. Ives (Vic.) to the position of treasurer and adviser on hockey matters to the N.Z.U.S.A.

When the women, delegates were unanimously in favor of awarding blues, it being hoped that not to award them was unfair to the players, especially as the play was undoubtedly of a high standard. Otago stated that as their executive did not approve of tournaments during wartime they were not allowing travelling expenses. This attitude was deplored, it being pointed out that wartime or not the Governors apparently improved on such gatherings, as he had insisted to be present. It was decided that if possible future tournaments be held either in Christchurch or Wellington to avoid unnecessary travelling.

When two of the clubs complained that the events made to them by their executives were inadequate, it was decided that a report be sent from the centre offices as to compare their respective positions before any action was taken.

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**Christianity, Art and Society**

A series of addresses on problems of today, Art and Religion and Man’s Opportunity, will be given by Mr. Howard Wedman on three successive Wednesday commencing Wednesday, 26th May.

**Watch the Notice Boards!**

**Wednesday, 26th May:**

"THE THUNDER AND THE ROCK."

An attempt to face the melancholy N.Z.U.S.A. man and yet take some comfort for his future.

**Wednesday, 2nd June:**

"THE HABITUAL VISION OF GREATNESS."

In which we thank humanism for taking us as far as it does, but wish the author was not an author as well.

**Wednesday, 6th June:**

"THE CREATIVE TASK.""After the storm, the still small voice that tells us what we are going to do about it.

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**S.C.M. Message to N.Z.U.S.A.**

Believing that a lasting peace can come only from adequate preparation now, of our men and spirit, we, the N.Z. Student Christian Movement, met in Conference in Christchurch, January 1st, and passed the following message to the N.Z. University Students’ Association to take action which may increase the students’ responsibility in these matters.

We suggest that this might be fostered by the issue of an appeal along the following lines:

1. Freedom of thought and speech and writing has been one of the achievements. The war has changed and the condition of progress in the past. We would remind (N.Z.) selves that freedom belongs only to those who exercise it.

2. We urge that students should de- velop independence of judgment, which will give them the capacity to evaluate propaganda of all kinds.

3. We urge loyalty to our nation as students—for our proper service to the country, in their thinking and loyalty to truth.

4. We believe that the cooperation of the present material lie in the complex his- torical development for which our own nation has a share of responsibility. It is therefore necessary that we should keep our minds free from bitterness and complacency, and foster that generation of inter-operation which will reinforce political and economic action.

5. We should foster goodwill to- wards, and understanding of, those from other countries who have come to live in this land.

6. We draw the attention of students to the international significance of the world Church in our day.

For this appeal to achieve its pur- pose, it must be followed by action. We suggest that it take the following form:

(a) That the N.Z.U.S.A. encourage students and student societies to concern themselves with the subject referred to in this appeal and with a factual examination of current affairs.

(b) That student papers take part in fostering interest in the subjects mentioned.

(c) That the cooperation of the teach- ing staffs be sought for the promotion of the ends in view.

(d) That study material for use dur- ing the war be prepared, and we, the N.Z.S.C.M., offer our cooperation in this matter if it is desired.

(e) That this message and the sug- gested lines of action be forwarded to the Training Colleges.

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**The Afternoon After**

Hangovers from Tournament Ball were in evidence at Warner Bay on the 9th May, when heavy-eyed har- llers lined up for the start of the Novice Race. They were even more noticeable when the same harriers dragged their protesting bodies back to the finishing post. The race was won by Doug. Olsen with a margin of about 500 yards in very good time.

Second place was filled by an experienced novice, Peter de la Mare, while the third man home was Twomey. There is an unofficial report circulating that club captain has made a vow never to stay up after 9 p.m. before a race again, or to abstain from drinking dry ginger ale.

The previous week the club had and lead by one. In the final race, the O.T. were given every opportunity to show, but were the best harriers traditions the slow race were successful in losing the trail and returned homes by a short cut, to their great satisfaction.

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**Learn something about the U.S.S.R.**

at a series of four discussions, starting Sunday night, 7.30, June 7th.

Students interested should contact J. W. Winchester, A. V. O’Brien, or Cecil Crompton.

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