ANTI GRAVE-DIGGING

Health is wealth, and there is no reason for the university student to be poverty-stricken in this respect. This is the opinion of a large body of V.U.C. students who realize the value of personal physical check-ups as a necessary feature of student life and a safeguard of the students' future. College life brings together students from all sections of the community, imposes severe mental and physical demands on the individual, associates the students in close personal contact in lectures and laboratories, and so paves the way to the spread of contagious disease or the rapid development of concealed physical weaknesses. Periodical physical examinations can detect much concealed disease at an early stage in its career and by bringing the disease under early control save the student from future sorrows and treatments needed if the disease continues unchecked. A minor ailment may not count for the student starting out on his university career, but if unchecked may, in the course of a year or two, be aggravated by the constant pressure of work and become serious enough to put a stop to study or at least break in on the continuity of his or her work. That is a pity, when vigorous university students are urgently needed to help New Zealand not only during this war period, but as much later on, during the change-over from war to peace.

Medical advice is essential to all who take part in sport. It is infinitely better to be able to play hard, fast games knowing that you are A1 in health, than to cause your captain and friends worry by suddenly having to give up the game just because you did not realise your duty to yourself and your responsibility to the team.

All this can be avoided. Let V.U.C. be the first to take a step in the right direction. The proposal that a part-time Medical Advisor be appointed to V.U.C. has been put forward. This Medical Advisor would undertake to give a general medical examination to all students enrolling at Victoria University College, to be followed by periodic overhauls in subsequent years.

Why should a student lose one of the best gifts of life by not attending to this matter when it is most urgent? This is a scheme that all students should take a vital interest in, so study carefully "things to come" and learn more about this worthwhile endeavor for V.U.C.

COLD CASH

Is Freedom worth it?

There is no need for us to write magnificently about freedom and liberty. Our freedom as students has always been apparent. Those few who were at V.U.C. in pre-war days will be able to tell of the gallant and continual fight of students here to maintain their "civil liberties" in the face of attack. It is to defend this freedom that our friends have left for the fighting front and we too can pay a small share.

It is Ours . . .

This war in our war—it is the war of our people and the loan is the loan of our people. If we make a great success of this loan, as should be the case, it is certain that we would not be the first country to do so—America, Australia, England and Soviet Russia have all supported highly successful loans.

Were the loan to prove unsuccessful, the failure would do great damage—it would necessarily imply further heavy taxation, thus breaking down the whole war economy which is now based on stabilization. This would react most heavily on the working class and lower income groups such as students.

Stabilisation.

With the shrinking supply of consumable goods available to the people it is both necessary and desirable that excess purchasing power be put to work in the interest of the war. The nation's national and price control become the more necessary and desirable. It will be to attract money back into the war effort.

Eureka.

The money for the loan will come in part from money already saved or invested in banks, companies, etc., but they are a comparatively minor source of supply. In the main the money will have to come from those who receive a regular wage, as do the workers, and one might well add—the students.

Our Privilege.

It is true that £10 and £1 are rather fantastically large sums for the average V.U.C. and T.C. student pocket, although any wage earner can afford the latter. Group savings schemes and S.S. Bank have made it a practicable plan for all (yes, even YOUR) income.

The LIBERTY LOAN is for our country and our people—for God and King and Country, if you will, or for those left-wingers—remember the tradition of "Armis for Spain," and that this is more evolutionary than singing the Red Flag. This is an appeal, not only to you—but to you—it is your destiny to be living today—you don't like the war—very well, help to destroy Hitler.

ELECTIONS

Students—are you interested in the people who lead your activities, who guide your affairs and administer to the needs of the student body throughout the year? Do you realise that at the forthcoming biennials there are twelve persons who are to represent you during 1943-44, to decide upon and follow an official line of action in all student affairs, to be chosen by you? This carefully-studied list of of nominees, discuss them, and vote with a sense of responsibility. All details, such as the list of financial Std. As., members eligible to vote (freshmen only), and the first three names) are posted on the main notice board. The polling is to be held on the 25th, 28th and 29th of October, 8.15 p.m., in the main hall. The Annual General Meeting is to be held on Wednesday, 30th.

MEDICAL BURSARS

The Minister of Health was interviewed by the Otago University Medical Students' Association delegates on the awarding of bursaries. Mr. Northcote stated that the procedure of awarding bursaries was as follows in order of preference:

1. To graduates and near graduates; scholarship holders; bursars and students with credit passes; those with a Medical Preliminary, Higher Leaving and an average of 55% in University Entrance; those without other qualifications who had received 60% in University Entrance.

2. Regarding those who had completed their medical intermediate, students with higher degrees or diploma; scholarship holders or bursars; students with Higher Leaving and over 60% in Medical Intermediate; those who had not received 60% in Medical Intermediate but whose financial circumstances appeared to merit a bursary award.

3. Those who had completed Medical Intermediate and one year's further study—who this year—that the awards were made largely on the grounds of difficulty in completing the course without some form of assistance.

(This matter is selected from Critic—official organ of O.U.S.A. of June 3.)
**EDITORIAL**

**Mens Sana In Corpore Sana**

The problem of student health is fundamental to the whole field of higher education. It is a problem to be tackled realistically and without flinching. These times have proved the place of the University in New Mexico and shown clearly that the University is the training ground for the citizens, the teachers and the scientists of the future. The people of New Mexico have made their contribution to the science of training ground, and for this they have the right to expect that there shall be a steady flow of competent citizens, teachers, and scientists from the University Colleges.

The first item is the decision. Your part in this places in your hands the power to save future lives, or to condemn future students to weeks or years of suffering. If this proposal does not go through, then the years from now the price may be paid in the lives of fellow students in whose bodies disease has raged unchecked because undetected. In the near future you will have the chance to support or oppose this proposal. This is your decides the outcome from a student body capable of sound, clear and intelligent thinking.

The second item is cooperation. The health of the student body is no more an individual matter, which may or may not play his part in the programme if the ultimate aim is to be achieved. It is your health, and the health of the students of future years with which this project is concerned. You will have your part to play, a small but essential part, and without your cooperation in the safeguarding of your own health, the project cannot succeed.

Victoria University College can lead the way to a greater advance in the field of higher education. The time has come, the choice and the future will rest in your hands.

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**THE CREATIVE TASK**

Mr. Woodman has compiled his series of three addresses on problems of today, Art and Religion and Man's Opportunity. His lecture on May 25, entitled "The Thunder and the Rock," surveyed the development of the modern state of mind. In the second lecture, on June 2, entitled "The Habitual Vision of Greatness," Mr. Woodman criticised modern mass standards in art and literature, the lack of a sense of craftsmanship, the profusion of the system, and the absence of any real notion of serving the community. A recurrent theme of this lecture was that the Christian attitude to art, involved humility towards creative artists, a constant search and growing appreciation for beauty and a rejection of all base art.

Having set his first two lectures outlined the situation in which we find ourselves, he proceeded in the third, on June 9, to sketch the task which confronts us. The creative task of the individual is that he should have an integrated personality and consciously operate with God's purpose, giving time and devotion to the Church and S.C.M.

The average attendance at these interesting lectures has been about thirty. Whether the challenge, particularly of his last lecture, will be accepted is something that may be answered only in the life of Victoria College.

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**A Cello Recital**

Room C6 was packed to capacity when Mr. Vyner Davies gave a recital of sonatas for cello and piano—one each by Beethoven, Ravel, and Brahms. The occasion was a recital which we now well hope to see continued—namely, that these two players, who intend to give further public recitals in Nimmo's Hall, will try out each programme on a College audience. The new Cello and Piano Sonatas.

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**BOOKS**

Lin Yutang, Bernard Shaw, Ibsen, Huxley, a load of Penguins and magazines—these were among the highlights of the Book Drive Tea Dance. We have to hand it to the Exec. for thinking out this very successful means of collecting books for the current Book Drive for military camps. The dancing was in the same happy spirit, supper good, and everything very jolly.

A highly successful Tea Dance then—not only for the present, but also for the Army, who will get our books.

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**ESPERANTO**

During the first world war, as in the present one, there was great talk of post-war reconstruction. The League of Nations had as one of its objects the promotion of better social relations between nations. As a means to this end the introduction of Esperanto into all countries was called for. The idea that the great nations were more concerned than the small nations with Esperanto until now little has been done about the matter.

A few words concerning the language itself would not be out of place. Esperanto is an international auxiliary language freed from the difficulties and apparent absurdities of present national tongues. It is a living and useful language; it can be learned in about a tenth of the time taken to learn one's mother tongue. It has the regularity, scientific construction and simplicity. Most of the main root words are found in the chief national languages: an Englishman can recognise sixty per cent. of the words at sight, as can a Frenchman or Italian.

Spoken, Esperanto is pleasant and fluent, with phonetic spelling.

This international language does not aim at displacing national tongues, but at making them more useful and, as such, has many advantages. When an Esperantist makes a foreign country he is welcomed by club members in the various towns; he can have a friendly home and is taken as being about the country, conversing with ease and feeling a common tie with all Esperantists in the world. There is no diplomatic intrigue! At congresses, representatives of nations could understand speech directly without the usual two-minute condensation by an interpreter. Technicians are using the terms of the auxiliary tongue and can read Esperantist translations of new developments almost immediately, without the customary two years' delay for multilingual translations.

There are about fifteen million Esperantists in the world, mainly in Germany and Austria, until Hitler smashed the German organisation in 1933.

The tragic failure of the 1919 peace conference and the League of Nations was mainly due to incomprehensibility. The only way the present war will not be in capable hands until the peoples of the world realize that this is their responsibility, and that their strength lies in unity. It is essentially a question of language, in particular that the value and utility of Esperanto lies.

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**$250 A MINUTE**

What is the war costs New Zealand

**ARE YOU CONTRIBUTING?**

If we were suddenly turned into angels, what would we do? No military, no testicle pets kept by God.—A. Clutton-Brock.
FILM REVIEWS

Our Opinions—

A Yank at Eton

Mickey in his natural habitat spel- ing round with the girls of Smalltown, is pretty poisonous, but it’s heaven and earth to let bobby-lobbing with the plutocracy. If it’s too much for an adolescent, then I prefer the milder New Zealand variety, even though it wasn’t so resourceful or so sheeny. The moral of the picture, if such a thing exists, was, by no means plain, but Mickey had a distinct talent for the aristocracy, one had the feeling that Eton was streets ahead of his in- fantile mentality. Despite the good slap-stick with the taxi, and the fight in the night club, the general effect was of loathing for “vital” American youth and admiration for their constraint and dignity of the Etonians. We thus have a film deliberately boosting the English Public Schools, surely the most outmoded aspect of an obsoles- cent system of education. Its effect in maintain- ing class distinctions is dangerous to democracy, and except at the very last, largely that, is the most expensive, the teaching very mediocre. We see the results even at Victoria, in those snobby individuals whose outlook is permanently marred by the feeling of privilege, the pressure of their little brains by the “prep” schools and “collegiates” of God’s Own and, oh, have we not made it aloud of a friend that “he had to be W— but fortunately he had managed to get over it.” Why should we suffer such a boost, from Hollywood of all places. The picture has a typical story whereby a man may display his filthy lucre by endowing his son with the right to say “sir” at Eton— “Hamn sir, at Eton...” or “at Eton I was allowed to whip the bounders.”

They All Kissed The Bride

They all did it once except Mervyn Douglas, who did it about ten times — and that is about all the bearing that the title has on the picture. For the rest, the same suave gentleman pro- ceeds to melt Joan Crawford into his heart. He succeeds after a jitterbug contest and plenty of alcohol. The picture has a typical story whereby the head of some million dollar firm falls in love with some poor penniless fe- male and is constantly amazed at the ways of the “lower classes.” If this type of picture is mainly produced for its artistic merit, then this merit is too subtle to be detected. After you have seen the picture you ask yourself: “Where, if anywhere, was that under- estimated—mine or the producer’s?”

CULTURE

Proletarian culture is not something that has sprung nobody knows whence, and it is not an invention of those who call themselves the proletarian culture. That is all nonsense. Pro- letarian culture must first be the result of natural development of the classes of knowledge which mankind has ac- cumulated in the natural and artificial society, landlord society and burea- ucratic society. All these roads and paths lead to proletarian culture.—LENIN.

DEBATE

MOTION: That jazz and swing music has no place in the cultural life of this College.

FRIDAY, 25th JUNE

8 p.m. — In the Gym.

Come along, you jive addicts and classical fans. It’s going to be a grand fight!

FINISH EXEC. MEETING

First things first. The most vital thing of all is to get this report and programme submitted by the sub-commit- tee on Student Health. For full details see our front page. The scheme was strongly recommended and provided full support by the Exec, who had every confidence of similar support from the Council.

A permanent committee is to be set up to handle I.S.H. matters. One of its first jobs will be to determine the pre- cise allocation of New Zealand funds arriving in Switzerland. If this is considered to be unsatisfactory, direc- tions will be given by the Exec, who will also be given the particular channels into which our funds should go.

The Building Fund introduced some discussion into the agenda. This is a fund, started many years ago, and under the trusteeship of the Hon. W.

Strange things, executive meetings. When reporting them one is brought rather sharply to a realisation of the importance of this body and the many responsibilities for student progress action, for a strong voice and a firm lead in all student matters. Few students, it seems, understand this. Their executive, elected each year, has in its hands the power to promote or to retard such vital issues as affiliation with Training Colleges, formation of a Students’ Union, recognition by the University of our bodies, and the formation of new student organisations. Students must take more interest in their leaders and, particularly at this time of the year, must discuss and criticise their officers for or against, their responsibilities and come along to the annual meeting prepared to criticise and suggest, to condemn and commend.

Perry, intended for the construction of Student Union buildings at some future date. Constitutionally, four shillings from every student fee must go into it. It was moved that this year the surplus from income and expenditure account, plus a two hun- dred pound account in the Post Office, be added to the fund. It was objected that when the time was ripe for such a building we should be in a position to demand it of the Government as a rightful due, and that the money would be better in Liberty Bonds, maturing in 1947 and providing a nu- cleus against the depression years, than tied up in trust. The motion was lost and it was understood that the fund was to be invested in trust; through when the income and expendi- ture surplus was deleted. The motion must, of course, be ratified at the an- nual general meeting—the committee is not empowered to dispose of more than fifty pounds at a time. Here is a chance for you to give your opinion. Do you think the fun is entitled to the buildings at Government expense, or that we should build our own fund by painful endeavour? Let your vote express your opinion.

STAFF committee, our sub-committee on the problem of board for women stu- dents have discussed the problem at length and arrived at a scheme which we believe is the most successful in overseas universities for many years, namely, that of a woman part-time member of the staff, whose job it is to assist all women freshers, especially strongwitted to the city, to find board. A list of all good boarding houses would be drawn up and students re- commended to them. In the case of arguments with landladies, an older person, with experience in handling these strange products of our society, would be of great comfort and assist- ance to such students.

It was reported that the dispatch of parcels overseas was to be done by the Patriotic Fund organization and was under way.

The final item was the election of Srg. Morley Boyd, retiring President, as our representative on the Council. A vote of thanks was passed for the good work of Doug. Edwards, last year’s representative.

Lend to Defend the Right to be FREE!

JOIN THE NATIONAL SAVINGS MOVEMENT

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**BLUES**

**SUMMER SPORTS 1942-43**

**CRICKET.— D. D. Beard, R. W. Burnard, O. J. Creed, P. B. D. de la Mare, J. A. Seator, G. H. Stringer.**

**WOMEN'S TENNIS.— A. Reed, J. Strange, N. Turner, R. Turner.**

**MEN'S TENNIS.— B. O'Connor.**

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**Better Luck Next Time**

There is something about the word "snow" that makes the normal person definitely excited. (Trampers, too, for that matter—Ed.) Especially when one has had some experience with this beautiful stuff, and even more so when that experience is in the form of skiing. When fourteen enthusiasts set out for Holdsworth on King's Birthday holiday, however, the normal excitement was somewhat dampened by the rain which had fallen during the previous day, for this was not without reason, really, because when we got there the mountain was nearly 80 per cent of its normal height.

But having carried skis all the way from Wellington, they just had to use them, and they did, even with the delay caused by the dampness, and with what little snow there was, right up under the peak, and with the plopping of snowballs and spades, we constructed a ski run. And the run was good enough for the misfit McLaughlin to prove that for nobody else—hurling over tussacks and lorax knots, this diminutive individual made the most of it.

The arrival on Sunday of ten Boy Scouts was interesting, because of the fact that they had come equipped for conditions considerably warmer than those they found. With no cooking facilities and about one mauze each, the result would have been rather pathetic had they come to an empty hut. The Great Chorest, acted in the usual good Samaritan manner, even to the extent of robbing his pillows of straw for the benefit of two of the boys; but even this did not prevent them from kelting and balking over what blankets they did have.

Anyhow, all things considered, it was a thoroughly good trip—who'd be a Scourer?—nobody seems to regret having carried skis all the way to Holdsworth for only a few flakes of wet-baggedness; and even in this case, we were more than a little pleased that we went. It was a good escape from the boredom of the summer holidays.

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**The Spartan Club**

Last Saturday, while football and hockey were played home, the rain, the hawkes were out in force braving the elements. Running from Wadestown the fast pack made a swift circuit of Ngapu and Khandallah, a journey 114 miles. This was a successful experiment by Dicky Daniels and his pack was well turned out and under the control of Ian McLean. Miss O'Connor and Miss O'Connor who were both unable to run on account of leg injuries.

The back pack made a feisty effort (oh, so reluctantly) to shorten their run because one member cut his hand and was severely on a stone. However, with admirable promptness the E.P.S. expert, Miss O'Connor, in first aid and the casualty returned under his own power completeness with bandages and assistance from a miscellaneous assortment of socks and belts.

On the 13th June about twenty runners set out from the Island Bay huts for a good run with expectation of returning for afternoon tea in half an hour.

The fast pack made good time up the Matrose Ridge until it found its progress blocked by military reserves and private property. Denying it more proof to avoid armed service, the club captain went to see the politician and promised to go through his property. This he obtained just as the last pack had finished insignificant parts of the pack. The pack had proceeded a little further when mutiny raised its ugly head. Overloading the carrying of the testing, boots, most of the pack decided to give it a chance to see the Varsity College match at Kilbirnie.

It was a good game and they noted with interest a potential recruit in the Varsity half-back, but thoughts of that afternoon tea soon made them head for Island Bay at a smart pace. Instead of an in time club captain awaiting them, they were surprised to find themselves the first home. Some later the slow pack and later still the loyal member of the fast pack returned from an extensive tour of Wellington which had included Newtown, Brooklyn and Ohio Bay.

Almost one hour overdue all hurried down to the讯 as J. O. Sherburne's elizabethian muttering excuses and apologies. However, the same generous hospitable as in previous years soon forgave this tardiness, and weary bodies were served by the inauspicious, cream cakes and endless cups of tea.

The club has high hopes of success in the inter-club run of the season to be held at Miramar next Saturday. It is to be hoped that Ian and Co. will have, by then, recovered sufficiently to compete as their presence would prove the club.

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**Women's Hockey**

This season three teams have been established from club competition, and we have not yet fielded three full teams on one Saturday. We need more players urgently to ensure that the Intermediates will not have to be scratched. Beginners especially are welcome. Thursday night practice are now being run to a definite programme with points of interest for all.

The Senior team have won three matches and lost one, and on present form is likely to make Senior A grade at the end of the qualifying round. The team did well to beat Pelone Technical Old Girls, last year's Senior B winners, Mary Nelson, at right half, played a fine game in this match. The re-arrangement of positions, Daisy Climo coming up to centre half, Joyce Cline going to left wing, seems to be working well. At left wing, Vivienne Rich is playing consistently good hockey and good combination among the forwards is improving.

To date the Juniors have won two matches and lost two. Shona Bell at right half and Bethsee Ennor at right wing are playing well and keeping to their positions. Pat Ralph's, left wing, does well and keeps on the job. The left inside, Marie Simpson, has picked up the game very quickly, and already has several goals to her credit.

The Intermediates have not yet fielded a full team, and have had to default two matches, but the team who played the team won the first and lost the other. Shirley Jonathan in goal has promised as a full back for this team.

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**Basketball**

Last Saturday, the Senior A team lost to the undefeated Island Bay team, 16-13. Again the team had the misfortune of playing one short, Peggy Husre replacing Gay Llorie in the defence third, and Thea Moir playing in the forwards, to leave only the centre. In the first half the strong play of Budgets was more than held by Island Bay which had only managed to obtain a lead of four goals. In the second half heavy rain interrupted play for about ten minutes, and when it was resumed, the ball was so hard to handle. The final score was a tribute to the improved co-ordination, half, Pat Garnier, who did well, and to the hard work of the University team.

The Senior B team was defeated by Taupo, 16-4. This team had its full quota of members, but as several of them were new to the team, it was difficult to successfully combine their activities. Weather conditions again did not help them, but they improved themselves the superior team. The club wishes to welcome Jeanie and Madeleine, who is with us again, and to thank those girls who helped us out by playing with us last Saturday.

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**Health Campaign Programme**

Monday, 21st June.—Health Talk. Dr. Richardson. Time, 6.30 p.m. Films, 1-2 p.m. Biol. Department.

Monday, 28th June.—Health Talk. 8 p.m. By Medical Practitioners.

Wednesday, 30th June.—Films, 1-2 p.m. Biol. Department.

Friday, 2nd July.—Health Talk. 8 p.m. By Overseas Army Doctor.

Monday, 5th July.—Special General Meeting and Talk by Doctor of the Health Department.

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**Things to Come**

Wednesday, 28th.—Afternoon, Kirk Oep, Kelburn Park.

Thursday, June 24.—Gramophone Club, Music by Bach.

Friday, June 25.—Annual Executive Elections, 4.0 p.m.—8.15 p.m. Saturday, June 26.—Tea dance in the Gym at 5 p.m. 7.30 p.m.: S.C.M. Address, Dr. Pat Ralph's, 56 Mitchell St., Brooklyn.

Sunday, June 27.—World day of Prayer of the World Student Christian Federation. Service at 4 p.m. at Wesley Church, Taranaki St., and across the hall.

Monday, June 28.—Annual Executive Elections, 4.0 p.m.—8.15 p.m. Tuesday, June 29.—Annual Elections, 4.0 p.m.—8.15 p.m.

Wednesday, June 30.—Annual General Meeting of the V.U.C. Students’ Association to be held in the Gym at 8 p.m.