Exam Fees
Owing to the fact that legal proceedings are pending it has not been possible to give students full particulars of development of the Fees Campaign. However, it may be stated that the students’ petition of protest has been very well supported, and now has nearly two thousand seven hundred signatures, made up as follows:

- A.I.C. 565
- M.A.C. — Not received
- V.U.C. 640
- M.C. — Not received
- C.A.C. 9
- D.U. 238
- Commercial Colleges 204
- Training Colleges 349
- Total 2,471

N.Z.U.S.A. has set up a sub-committee consisting of two members from N.Z.U.S.A. to act as a member of the Exam Fees Committee, with N.Z.U.S.A. President as chairman. This sub-committee will handle the whole question of exam fees, send a deputation to the Senate Executive Committee meeting on Friday, July 28th.

The deputation, which consisted of J. B. C. Taylor (President), A. J. Healy, M.A.C. (Resident Member of N.Z.U.S.A.), and W. T. Fowler of V.U.C., was received by the meeting, chaired by the Chancellor, O. J. A. Hanan. The deputation’s reception, as expected, was polite, but somewhat frigid. There was evidence, however, that individual Senate members were sympathetic to the students’ claims.

The deputation pointed out that although the matter had been taken to the Tribunal, and that other legal proceedings were pending, these steps do not go far enough to maintain any action to save students this year from the financial hardships inflicted by the new scale of fees, and further that the ultimate aim was to remove the conditions which made the increases necessary. Reasons for the student protest were given under the main headings of financial hardship and unreasonableness of limiting the scope of free education, and a concrete plan for future action was laid before the committee whereby students and Senate might approach the Government for an increased grant for the University.

The Chairman stated that as the matter was to some extent ex officio he had no questions to ask and on inviting questions from other committee members, there was no response. The University’s official reply has been received, which reads as follows:

“Further to your circular letter to members of Senate dated July 23rd and to the submissions in respect of examination fees, both in typed script and by deputation to the full Executive of the Senate, I have to advise that the Senate has given full consideration to the points raised and has instructed that a form of statement have been made. The form of statement is as follows and it is the opinion of the committee that in view of pending legal proceedings it is inadvisable to discuss the matter further at this juncture, but that the committee is prepared to give the matter full consideration after the present proceedings are disposed of.”

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DOES SALIENT STINK
Debating Society Answers “No”!

What is Student Opinion? Does “Salient” express it? Who writes for it, who reads it and who agrees with it? These questions were argued without restraint or temperance, and with a lot of flamboyance and generalization in a New Speakers’ Debate in the Gym last Friday on a motion that “Salient’ no longer justifies itself as an organ of student opinion.

It has been a feature of debating this year that new speakers have taken a prominent part in all contests, so it is hardly surprising that a higher standard prevailed than in similar debates in the past.

After a lot of unreasonably wrangling over debating rules, caused perhaps by the fact that none of the committee members knew more about the club than they ought to, Mr. Twaddle opened the debate. He defined student opinion as those held by the majority of students, asserting that Salient represents a mere handful of students. This, he said, was evident as in many cases of no interest to students even alleging that the articles are often totally unrelated to student life.

Mr. Milburn countered this argument well, in spite of being rather disconcerted by rude inter jections from the floor. As 85 per cent. of Salient is on student topics, as with three exceptions in three years all letters and contributions have been printed, Salient represented at least the voiced opinions of students, especially more than an organ, it is a leader of student opinion.

Mr. Campion, bland and debonnaire, began with a bedtime story-proof that Salient is really run, not by students, but for a mysterious octopus with red tentacles. This is shown by the presence of copies of the People’s Voice and pink scribbling blocks in Salient offices.

Mr. O’Leary’s arguments were coherent, his manner agreeable. He pointed out that the future articles were on the most important aspects of student life and that even if the number of contributions is not great, all student activities are covered.

Mr. Duncun, an efficient debater, described the effect ofSalient on an outsider observer. To him it must appear a red rag, as left-wing ideas dominate all political articles, film and book reviews, and even some club reports.

Mr. Mabbett, on the same line but less convincingly, claimed that Salient represents only a few Communists, Catholics, Christians and others. Mr. O’Hearn, pleasantly self-satisfied, claimed even if Salient may not represent everyone, it is still an organ, as opposed to the organ of student opinion. As the title of the order of salient, is based on a basis of who are interested enough to take part, there should be nothing to be suspicious of a vicious circle gain- ing the control of the paper.

Supporting the same side, Mr. Williams referred to the speeches for the affirmative as stimulus to prorator’s effect but delivered as if to a statue of a half-wit. Whose fault is it if red opinion predominates? His own, he said, and all others who disagree.

Comments by other speakers:

Miss Marshall: “At risk of boring your attention please the affirmative is just plain nuts.”

Mr. Dawe: “Hold on while I dispose of my thoughts.”

Mr. Gaird (fairly coarsely): “There’s nothing worth reading in it and it costs too much.”

Mr. Mabbett (replying to Mr. Hartley): “I’ve never.”

When the new blood had all been split, some older speakers ventured to express their views. Exposed as we have been, we heard:

—Matthew: “The affirmative would have it just a gospel rag.”

Miss O’Flaherty: “If the views do not please the students then why don’t we hear more about it?” In reply to an inter jection: “I can’t hear you and I don’t think I ought to.”

Mr. Hartley: “The cafeteria used to give you induction but Salient fixed all that.”

Mr. Jack: “Salient is a better journal than I have yet known.” St. Students always express themselves with flamboyance and ardent conviction, and as the Scriptures say, The sins of the students shall be visited upon their paper, even unto the third and fourth pages.

Miss Crompton apologised for the editor’s absence. “Mr. Twaddle and Mr. Cameron tried to throw out of Salient room as it would lend colour to their argument.” In reply: “No articles from non-students.” Reporting where possible by non-members of clubs.

Put to the vote, the motion was lost. The judges, Mr. D. O’Brien, a veteran of scores of Varsity debates, placed the speakers as follows:

Yes: Mr. Jack, Miss O’Flaherty, Mr. O’Hearn, Mr. Twaddle. All speakers towards New Speakers’ Prize: Mr. Jack, Miss O’Flaherty, Mr. O’Leary, Mr. Brien, Mr. Zinman.

Executive Meeting

The third meeting of the Executive faced a small but important agenda. Matters discussed included N.Z.U.S.A. meeting, and letters from the British N.U.S. (National Union of Students) on a world student organisation and conference.

Among correspondence dealt with was a letter from Canterbury College on its results. This was compiled by the C.U.C. Council and Students’ Association, and is a valuable piece of work. A sub-committee has been set up by the Executive to look into vacation employment, consisting of Cecil Crompton, Graham Edgar, and John Walsh.

Correspondence has been received from the British N.U.S. on a projected students’ conference. The conference is designed as being preliminary to a world conference, and is intended to include representatives from all the British Commonwealth. As the date is as yet unsettled the V.U.C. Executive decided on Cecil Crompton’s motion to send a remit to the N.Z. U.S.A. annual general meeting: stressing the importance of such a conference to us, and the desirability of participating in it.

The finance committee, which as a sub-committee to the Executive controls club grants, was appointed—Jack Barr, Dick Steele, Ian McDowell, Max Etchelsbaum and Marc Poole.

N.Z.U.S.A. has requested V.U.C. for any further information. Besides the conference on the N.U.S. Conference, Mr. McDowell promised that power be given to N.Z.U.S.A. to grant blues on a reduced scale as appropriate and expressed the hope that this would not allow blues to be awarded in wartime since 1942. It was also suggested that the N.Z.U.S.A. might find it possible to reduce expenditure by using the V.U.C. Exec. room. Delegates were asked to look into this matter. Delegates from V.U.C. are lan McDowell and Cecil Crompton.

General business included a suggestion that lighting in the library and in the passage by the notice board might be improved. The sub-committee to inquire into the running of the cafeteria reported on its co-operation with staff and committee and improvements and suggestions. The debating club asked for approval of the Jaunt grant for debating club expenses.

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No-Man's Land

Dear Sir,—We were heartened by seeing the publicity given to the World Student Relief Campaign last Sunday in The Argus. For quite a time we have been observing the attitude of the students towards constructive activities, of which this is an excellent example, and towards those of quite another type altogether.

It seems that most of the energetic students have taken up activities like Varsity Extrav, orgies instead of more worthwhile efforts. Perhaps this is due to the lack of publicity given to more creditable student effort. How many students, for instance, know of the periodic Church rallies by the Harrier Club? We are not suggesting that the attendance at this function should be marked with the zeal that characterises Extrav. However, it would be a little more enthusiasm along those lines might be a good thing.

And what about the I.S.S. and the S.C.M.? Last year the attention of the students was never drawn to these organisations. Judging from the last issue of Bulwark the latter have acquired a new look of life and we heartily approve.

Then again, the failure of the impression the pamphlet printed in us—should one observe if anyone is unaware of the opinion many Wellington students hold about students from Victoria. Our reputation may not be entirely undeserved, but on the other hand, it is unfair that we should all be labelled Reds, wine-bibbers, etc.

This state of affairs is due solely to the fact that one section of the Varsity community seems to make considerably more noise than any other. We would like to see this remedied.

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS CLUB

Small Nations in the Post-War World

The last meeting of the International Relations Club was held on Wednesday for the benefit of Mr. Armand Ghette, the Consul-General of Belgium. In his introduction he said it was his wish that students whether brute force or justice should rule the world. In the discussion, the question of small nations, he stated that New Zealand had earned the lasting gratitude of the Belgian people by the action of our late Prime Minister, Mr. Massey. He illustrated with an anecdote the real importance of small nations apart from the military strength at their command.

In dealing with the “Big Four” Mr. Ghette considered it questionable as to whether the larger nations could or would give justice to the small nations. To prove this point the Consul-General quoted from statements by certain leading British spokesmen such as Sir John Simon, Lloyd George and others. He ended by challenging British and American leaders to give the small nations their due.

The conclusion of the Consul's address was in a far from optimistic vein—the recent formation of the Greater Councils, so far as U.S.A., Britain and the U.S.S.R. had done nothing to encourage hope.

Questions from the floor covered a wide field of views and ideas, from the convoluted "imperialists" to the left. Questions on the international bank, recently set up, on the "independence" of smaller countries, on the League of Nations, an extension of the British Commonwealth, and future German and Scandinavian democracy, provided food for further thought.

Mr. Sten Campbell broke up the meeting with a verse of thanks from the floor, and Mr. J. Miller announced the forthcoming talk on "The Mind and Culture of the Japanese People."
PHOTOGRAPHY

"Photography, or the Art of Seeing," was the title of a useful and informative talk given to the Photographic Club of the Wellington Camera Club by Mr. M. A. Johnson of the Wellington Camera Club. It is unfortunate that there was not a better attendance, for Dr. Mr. Johnson's address was a good, all-round one, and one wonders why we take photos and the different branches of photography, landmarks, and the like.

Mr. Johnson's talk was given by Dr. Herbert Smith, who has been secretary of the Wellington Camera Club, will speak on "The Composition of Exhibition Pictures." This will be in Room A2 at 8 p.m. on Thursday, August 17, and so I'll keep a look out for you amateur photographers, and show Mr. Singleton that we have a club large enough and interested enough to warrant our inviting so well-known a guest speaker.

University and Sex Education

An important fact omitted in current controversy concerning sex education is that many people are of an age without adequate opportunities for sex instruction.

In a recent talk on the psychology of some of the most useful books:—


Weatherhead, L. D. "The Mastery of Sex Through Psychology and Religion." London: S.C.M., 1934. The point of view of a person who is keeping his feet on the ground. (1)


"Children's Book Review." "The J.C. Library" and "The Wellington Library." They are usually kept in stockrooms for fear of missing this.

—J.M.

Greece

Nutting in the Allied Camp: Communiques from the Greek Government will tell us all about the Greek forces there. What is the story behind all this? Have we anything all our allies who prefer Hitlerism? New Zealanders who in their short stay in Greece came to know the people are incredulous. In the following article our special correspondent covers briefly the story of Greece.

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Basketball

A V.U.C. basketball team is travelling with the Hocken and Harrier Clubs to participate in a Winter Sports Tournament in Christchurch from August 19th to 26th. The team will play Canterbury University (Women's and Men's) Christchurch Tech College, and Christchurch College. Unfortunately, many of our Senior A players, including the Coach, are unavailable to get time off from work. This means the team will not be as strong as usual, but we hope to give our opponents a good game. The Tournament will include teams such as Mira Parsons, Maxine Dunne, Shirley Cole, Pam Hilla, Loris Webster, Shirley Webster, Phyllis Ball, Merle Green, Kathleen Martin, and Shirley Roberta. It is a good opportunity for Harriers to show their skills in a new environment.

The Harriers

The Club Championship race held at Silverstream on July 29th was noted for the fast times recorded and the high quality of the runners. McDowell comfortably clipped almost a minute off his best. At the lunchtime echelon making time of last year, followed by Olsen, then Hawke, Segedin, Daniel and Wright. This will constitute our representative team and if this race is any guide should do well at Canterbury. Hawke is our junior star, and it may be that his light will escape from under our bushel when the provincial races are run. Congrats, to Segedin for winning the handicap race.

The previous week's race was mostly a slow pack affair. When we left the fast pack were languidly undressing and when we returned they had thought better and were knotting ties again and shaving no longer. When the pack was in two's, the35

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