First Legal Papers Arrive From Liberated Universities

"The Barrier is Broken," announces streamlined English paper, "Student News," and British and European students now have direct communications." Fairly effervescent with exultation, a recent copy of this paper reports on student incidents in Belgium, France, China, and many other countries. We reprint extracts of interest from some of these columns.

"The biggest difference from the point of view of the National Union of Students is that suddenly, instead of a great wall separating us from Europe, we have postal communications and free universities sending us news. We have contact with the French and the Belgians, we have laid the basis for contact with the Dutch and we are hoping to do the same thing soon with the Norwegians."

Belgian Students Maintain Resistance

THE PAPER OPENS WITH A summary of student life during the whole period of the occupation. It tells how students exposed the Nazis who tried to dominate their organisations, set up illegal groups and published tracts and journals of resistance. Flemish and Walloon students each had their organisations, while at the same time, after the first illegal meeting in Antwerp during the session of 1942-2, effective contact was also maintained throughout the country. Faculty organisations proved to be the foundation of student resistance. During 1944 the student resistance movement achieved full co-operation with the general struggle.

Then follows a series of General Directions from the National Students Group which we are quoting, for they exemplify the student's conception of his task in liberated Europe.

Reconstruction

"FOR THREE YEARS WE HAVE principally had to concentrate on the struggle against the occupier and his accomplices; now we can work at a constructive task." Klokke Roseland, which was the expression of our wishes, will now work on these lines. Already the format of our paper is changed. In spite of being far from settled, there is a real improvement on our illegal numbers. We hope that our monthly will in a short time appear on a good quality paper and that its presentation will be worthy of the student world.

"But there is more; we are happy to announce the fusion of all the illegal groupings of this University into one democratic foundation. Therefore a programme must be drawn up to bring together our professors and submitted to the Rector and Government. For the realisation of this plan, co-operation with other universities is necessary. We therefore strive towards a general federation of students in Belgium."

The fifth point is equally important:

"We co-operate with the Belgian tribunal to purify our university. The N.A.G. communicates all information given by students to the appropriate administrative and legal authorities. The complete purge of the country is, however, a duty. If this does not happen, ministerial elements will resume their undermining activity and cause a world catastrophe to break loose over us."

EXTRAVAGANZA 1945

Would all persons who intend submitting scripts for 1945 Extrav. please note that the scripts should be submitted to me by March 31, 1945.

JACK BARR,
Extravaganza Organiser.

When Paris Rose...

"GUNS SPLINTERED BEFORE the great closed doors of the Ministry, which were guarded by armed men. In the courtyard inside, men of the F.P.I. mingled with their comrades of the National University Front, with graduates, teachers, professors, civil servants, students and schoolboys. Some of us stood by with loaded guns, while others worked in the office with the heads of the Department, issuing orders against traitors and collaborators, and appointing trustworthy men and women to responsible posts."

"During this time the telephone and the courageous cyclists who delivered tanks and roof-top snipers to carry despatches to other parts of the town, kept us informed of the serious events taking place in the four corners of Paris. The Pavillon de la Reine at Vincennes was burning. The curators signalled that the roof of the Louvre was being fired from and there was a danger of the museum being invaded. They appealed for immediate attention. There was firing in the Palais de la Découverte. An attack from alongside the National Library was feared. It was necessary to defend the precious volumes within. We had to telephone to the Chief of Police, to the F.P.I. Commander, and the General Delegation."

"The young officer in charge of the Ministry's military affairs busied himself with preparations for a sortie and at the same time arranged the evacuation of the general officer. Outside we could hear the tanks in the Place de la Concorde and the Military Academy firing on the Senate House, and we could hear, too, the first murmurgings of General Leclerc's American Army on its way to support the valiant F.P.I. who were keeping their city, street by street and district by district."

Then the procession along the Champs-Élysées, when, together with his staff, M. Wallon, Secretary for Education, passed through the cheering crowds, while General Leclerc's army and Allied planes might still be heard. There followed a week of great excitement. We were planning huge undertakings. During this time an extraordinary meeting took place in the Ministry. The Head of the University of Paris met and got to know all those in his charge. Greetings were exchanged between all the University groups of the National Front, and M. Wallon, their delegate, who had never turned his back on danger, but, even when hunted down and suspended from office by the Gestapo, had chosen to remain in Paris preparing a vast plan for the future of learning. This plan alone could repair the chaos caused by successive Vichy ministries. Students of the various resistance bodies met and made firmer ties than they had ever known before. And yet more wonderful was the reception given to the students by the central administration. In the past much suspicion and misunderstanding had existed between them.

One manifestation of this new understanding was the reception given on the 30th August to 1,300 members of schools and colleges who came on foot from all over France to acclaim M. Wallon, and sing with him the Marseillaise."

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CORRESPONDENCE

— new building
Dear Sir,
We would draw attention to considerations of general policy which
make it desirable to put in hand the negotiations for the building of a
Students’ Union at the present time.
The Building Committee’s specifications for the Students’ Union are not
told enough. There is no reason to expect an extremely rapid increase in the role of
the college. It will probably number over 2000 students in three or four years.
The specifications are obviously limited by present circumstances and most seriously by the objections which the government must have in giving
its support to an ambitious project.
The conversion of the Students’ Association’s credit into capital would strengthen the forces tending to inflation, and would jeopardize the government’s stabilisation measures.
The probable attitude of the government is indicated by the cessation of
public works, except for the construction of hydro-electric plants. It would be
redundant to subsidize a scheme which would put a lot of money into the
building and would draw heavily on the balance sheet materials. Not only is the cost of building very high, but the proposed site entails very massive and
expensive foundations. If the Students’ Association permits it, it can expect
more public support, it will more easily raise the funds to meet the cost of the building, even if it is
still much, and it may be able to obtain a better site. The area between the
biology block and the bowling green, for example, would be more
magnificent from the point of view of construction, and it is large enough for
lawns and trees to surround the building.

Finally, while the government is as conscious as is the urgency of the
building problem, we cannot count on much support for the building of a
Students’ Union. — We are, etc.,

DICK JACKSON
JIM WITTEM-THANNAH
P.S. Wherever the Students’ Union is built, we should keep the common
rooms in the main college building as well as those in the Union building.

— interval organiser
Dear Sir,
On examining the list of Extrav officers, I was surprised to see that
the duties of Interval Organiser and Social Controller were coupled.
When Rex Collin and myself drew up the draft of the present scheme for
conducting Extrav, we created a new office — the Interval Organiser — a post
quite apart from that of the Haka Party Leader, which was mainly a
matter for Weir House. The function of the Interval Organiser was to fill in
the gaps between semi-shifting. It was originally intended that he be put
on an equal footing with the other Extrav producers. He was expected to
acquire a script, organize and rehearse a cast, and produce some kind of
acceptable entertainment. It has been a problem in continuity — in short to emulate the excellent productions of Wind
chester, Bay Hannon and others some years ago, which, to my knowledge,
has never been equaled. In this case the cast had no other duties — their job
was to produce a show which was as important in its way as a main show.
A special dressing-room was allocated to the cast and costumes and make-up
were available. Close cooperation was necessary between the Interval Organiser,
the Haka Party Leader and the stage manager, and other members of the
back stage staff to ensure that the timing was correct, the script was
adjusted accordingly. The result was indefinitely better than the ragged haka
and the ancient toilet paper paper gags usually imposed on a long-suffering
audience. Many members of the audience were spontaneous in their praise
of this new innovation.
I hope, sir, you will forgive me for bringing up this score, but I think it is necessary to
point out that the Interval Organiser was not intended to lead haka or
displace the usual "easy" stories.

Some of the old hands who participated in the organisation of the first
interval entertainment are still about, and I think they should be contacted as
soon as possible and a cast organized at the first Extrav casting meeting.

In closing, I should like to stress that this letter is not intended as a
criticism of any person or persons. It is simply an explanation of what
our aims were when the position of Interval Controller was created. — I am, etc.,

H. WILLIAMSON.

— film criticisms
Dear Sir,
If criticisms of films are to be made only in the hope that someone will
start an argument, then "Salient" might well use the space for some
better purpose. Your film critic, if he is
able, should at least give students an idea as to whether they should see
the film concerned. The criticisms in your first issue are to my mind just a
waste of space.
The low rating given to "Summer Stock" is unworthy of your critic’s
intelligence and does not do justice to the film concerned. The story is by
Anton Chekov whether your critic likes it or not, and the fact that the bearded individuals did not conform to his idea of the Russian should not damn this picture. I thought the story was handled well by Halpern, and it is certainly better acted and worked to its conclusion than the average Hollywood production. Many students and a large number of the public consider, as I do, that this should be given at least a four star rating— I am, etc., DEGRADED.

Dear Sir,—May I make the following points:—

1. There are at least two reasons given other than that "Degraded" quotes for having film reviews in SAlIENT.

2. Of the three films mentioned, I recommended him to see two and to keep up his letter. Does he suggest that all criticism of art be either abandoned or pondering? I think there is still some need for truth-criticalising.—D.H.

BOOK REVIEWS

MARSHAL TITO

"MARSHAL TITO," BY MICHAEL PADEV, does much to dispel the mystery surrounding this great leader and his heroic army. It is no weighty tome à la Gibbon (that is left as a fascinating study for some future scholar) but a sketch of the man, his background and his achievements. In simple, fluid style his history is told, his policy discussed and his potential estimated.

Few people here realize that for 20 years Tito was fighting a dangerous but resolute struggle against the tyrannical rulers of his country. His five years in prison where he underwent savage torture by the "railway" by which volunteers were smuggled into the International Brigade, the underground work in Yugoslavia led inevitably to the great task of liberating his people from a foreign oppressor, from progressive coalition began organising their revolt immediately after the fall of Belgrade. At one time the partisans were engaging more German divisions than the British Army. The truly demoralized administration of the liberated areas, the solution of the bitter racial problems, the wise and patient handling of the treacherous Michailovitch are touched on. The book is interspersed with eye-witness accounts of the indescribable barbarity of the Nazis.

Nonetheless, it is difficult to plot character incidents or grammar to hold the reader's interest. They appear to be the modelled after Sarajewo's work, but end up like primary school somethings which will not Andrews would hesitate to tell. If this is the trend that New Zealand literature is taking, it is just as well that overseas publications are still available to us. Certainly the stories have the grace of simplicity, but where this is carried to such extremes it becomes imbroglio.

Nevertheless, the journal as a whole shows definite promise. If the general obscurity of the writing were eliminated, and more articles on the straightforward lines of those presented by E. Rewirt and Dr. Allen Bush were included, the publication would have more force, more dignity, and probably a wider circulation.

In conclusion, I would suggest that "Youth" be strongly supported by the young people at universities, with no suggestion to imagining what is served from alleged higher education. Until university students take their work seriously, no society has an existence with others of their own age, they will always be a class apart. The writers exercise their own offensive theories. "Youth" is an excellent vehicle for economic and political changes that are ears before the war and which we shall become used class consciousness.

—Margot Hogben.

FILM and STAGE

Adventures of Schweik

This is really a most amusing film. I'm beginning to wish there were a sort of half-way grading, because it deserves more than 3 stars, but doesn't quite rate 4. Based on the characters in the famous Czechoslovak book, "The Good Soldier Schweik," the film is one of those English things about outwitting the Nazis. Usually these are quite maim, if not actively dangerous in their presentation of the Nazis as ineffective morons. "Schweik" sets out to be satire, and succeeds rather well. And after all, you're not supposed to believe that these adventures really happened.

There's something rather Dickensian about Schweik. The advertising bills him as "The Cookney of Prague," and, absurd though this title is, it has some merit of truth in it. Nothing in this year was rather delightful. For a beautiful bit of humour, I give you those few lines of a Monheim performance, at a party given by the local party boss.

The film handles Schweik rather better than most English films, and, rather remarkable, the dialogue has very good wit. The weakest spot, I think, is the opening and concluding of the film with a cheap song, rather reminiscent of the early German Universal films. You should see this movie, but remember, it is satire.

I am, etc.,

GRIFFITH GRADWATE.

COMING EVENTS

Tuesday, April 13—First of Social Committee's weekly Lunch-hour Dances.

Friday, March 16—Debating Club Film showing.

Saturday, March 17—Inter-Faculty Sports. Athletic Club.

Sunday, March 18—Catholic Student Guild's Social Even- ing, St. Patrick's College. 8 p.m.

Wednesday, March 21—SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING.

There was a confirmed old carouser, who shot ratzguts with a mooser. The ratz, red and garlic, that he shot, were not seen by his teetotal terrier Touser.
DRAMA SOCIETY ENTERTAINS

VISITING CUC PLAYERS

The C.U.C. Drama Society sent us their Touring Company at the end of January. Because of the railway strike they were not expected and there was only a handful of students to meet them on the Sunday morning. On the Monday, however, there was a Civic welcome and by Tuesday the Executive and the Dramatic Club were ready to welcome the Players with a luncheon at the College.

The President congratulated them not only on their productions, but also on the credit they were bringing to the University and to their own college in particular. We sat back and mentally bashed in the reflected glory of University culture and C.U.C. student enterprise.

Professor Gordon on behalf of Sir Thomas on behalf of the College Council gave what he called an undress address. He said that the first grade one Touring Company originating in New Zealand should come from the University. He told us what a lot of assistance was given by the bit players and courtiers without even speaking parts who had a trying time and received none of the credit.

Lyell Holmes, for the students, said how glad they were to get the opportunity of meeting V.U.C. students. At other colleges they did not come into contact with the student body. As an old V.U.C. man himself (1939) he said the luncheon was the best meal he had ever eaten in the cafeteria, and later we saw the C.U.C. Cafeteria Controller (from Basin Street) Lyell was stage manager and was kept fairly busy finding "prope" for the first night, since the shortage of freight space meant their two or half tons of equipment had to arrive after the ones sent to Auckland.

The C.U.C. players had another opportunity to meet students at a dance put on for them on the following Sunday in the gymnasium. Here there was a convivial spirit, and we found that the excellent library atmosphere arising from their close association with Shakespeare did not prevent the V.U.C. students enjoying simple student pleasures. We heard whispers of various parties, and one of them felt that Wellington had done its best to make them feel at home.

It is worth mentioning that those of us who went along enjoyed "Hamlet" and "Othello," modern dresses or no.

Debating Club Hopes For Bumper Year

Chairman of the Debating Club, anti-antidest Leston Campbell, recently disclosed that activities commence from March 16, 8 p.m. Once more to the break of dawn yesterday morning Benny G-Connor supports that most controversial of motions, "That this house approves of General Scobie's intervention in "Greece," while opposing him is Jim Winchester, who plans a second debut after an interval of some months.

In conjunction with the Progressive Club and by courtesy of the American Office of War Information, a selection of films will be shown from 7.35 to 8.90 each debating night. "Prelude to War is the first of the series called "Why We Fight."

March 22 heralds the Training College team, the subject to be announced later, the Tuesday night. "Close and Conquer," Questioned, the chairman said: "It is to be hoped that this innovation will appeal to students— that they will beat the debating club to make 1946 a bumper year."

July prospects include a Dramas and Debating Week centered in Wellington—teams representing all colleges will assemble—Joyce Storke for orators; one act plays for dramatics—"The Smallest Show on Earth" and "The Plummet Medal."

Until then, Friday March 15 holds priority—speakers from the floor are welcome—supper is provided.

Song Book Revised

Towards the close of 1944, Shirley Grinling, Lynn Henderson and Marj Poole set to work revising the Song Book of the 1945 Debating team. After a tug of war between the bawdy and the innocent, the latter has been chosen. The book includes some new matter and such old favourites as Rocky, Kity and Weeping Willow. The title page of the V.U.C Song Book is on sale at Victoria for one shilling.

Technical College May Provide Journalism Lectures—Fee £1

DO YOU WANT TO TAKE UP JOURNALISM? Perhaps you have expressed loudly the lack of facilities (or a lecturer) at V.U.C. for the course "Principles and Practices of Journalism. At the present time this course may be taken only at Auckland and Christchurch, as a most interesting state of affairs, there are undoubtedly many would-be journalists in Wellington who, for various reasons, (e.g., impecuniosity, devotion to present duties, invalid mother), are unable to go to Auckland or Christchurch.

Here is the news. It has been proposed by Mr. Ridding, Principal of Wellington Technical College, that a course on "The Principles and Practices of Journalism be held at Technical College. The carrying out of this suggestion depends almost entirely upon the number of prospective students. Mr. Ridding has, he understands, a lecturer in mind, who is competent in this particular field.

If students have been interested enough to read so far, they may be still more interested to hear that fees will be in accordance with ordinary Technical College scale of fees. That is, for those under 21 years of age the fee is £1 per session, and £2 per session for students over 21. Any person who has not already had five years post-primary education may take the course free of charge.

As yet no definite suggestion is whether the air, but it will certainly lead to something if sufficient interest is displayed. A notice has been put on the "Varsity" notice boards, inviting any student interested to write his name on the list of those who wish to communicate direct with Mr. Ridding by phone.
Liaison Officer Assists Co-operation with Schools

Under the new University Entrance accrediting scheme, a liaison officer was appointed between each of the four Colleges and the post-primary schools in the area. At VUC Mr. A. H. Thom is doing valuable work in bringing the schools into closer contact with the University.

Relatively unknown to present senior students, he is an old acquaintance for this year's freshmen, most of whom were engaged by Mr. Thom and listened to in his trips round the schools. On his first visit of the year he discusses with the school staff the progress of their ex-pupils at Victoria. Later he comes back to talk to those intending to go to University, advising them on their courses, answers questions.

In the college he keeps an account of the school and university work of every student. The cards filled in by new students of this year will serve as a record of the product of each post-primary school in the district. Those going from colleges from schools in the district are included in his files by a reciprocal arrangement with the other liaison officers. Mr. Thom particularly asked that those who changed their course would inform him, so that the cards should be filled in correctly.

The post-primary schools have welcomed contacts with the university, which in its turn, is interested in the work of the schools. "My job is everything that is implied by liaison," said Mr. Thom. He compared it with that of an army liaison officer, whose task, although unpretentious, was valuable in maintaining personal contacts between units. He bridges the gap between the two phases of education, enabling post-primary pupils to see clearly the function of the university, their teachers to watch their further progress, and the university staff to co-operate with the teachers in an integrated educational scheme.

As a result, thought work was succeeding, Mr. Thom replied "Yes. I was particularly pleased with the number of students and parents who came to see me, during February, for advice and information. It is too soon to say whether the talks on planning courses have been productive." The number of questions asked by intending students about university courses was a revelation.

Mr. Thom stressed the point that he was always available to give advice to students, "anybody at all, 1st year, 2nd year, 3rd year, 4th year, who wants to chew over problems of university work, is always welcome."

Shirley Grinlington (Records Officer), the hope is expressed that these new domestic arrangements will not affect the general social usefulness of these students.

Exec. to Seek Blood Donors

At their meeting on 13th February, it was agreed by the Executive that a blood donor's group at the college is both desirable and practical. A motion to that effect was carried and the Medical Scheme Committee was nominated to organise a campaign. A series of talks by a doctor specialising in blood transfusions is suggested. Further details will be posted on the main notice board.

Where the Elite Meet to Eat

In the north west corner of the main building will be found the cafeteria, a student effort owned and controlled by the Students' Association. Nearly £50 has been spent on the long vacation period improving facilities but the manpower shortage is still bad and it would be appreciated if students would remember to carry their dishes back to the slide. Mrs. Shillons, the manageress, would welcome any who feel up to giving a little occasional service behind the counter. An honest ten minutes at the sink earns a free meal — this applies particularly to full time students, male and female.

Out of Circulation

The following marriages are announced: Mr. McDowell (Sec. of the Students' Association) and Gwen Chamberlain; K. T. Fowler and Cecil Crompton (Editor and Associate Editor of "Salient"); R. A. Anderson (recently returned from overseas) and

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Chinese Students Suffer Jap Persecution

REPORTS HAVE GRADUALLY been reaching the outside world of the persecution of students in the four Japanese-occupied provinces of the north-east; 2,700 students were arrested at one time for suspected pro-Communist activities, in banned faculty societies. More than 100 students were sentenced to terms of imprisonment ranging from six years to life sentences; 600 were detained without sentence. The food shortage in the north-east is acute, but students are forced to work on the Imperial Army high roads, or in the Imperial University; the usual pattern of student activities has come to a standstill. These reports have been corroborated by the Chinese Nationalist Government, which has expressed its concern to the United Nations.

FINANCE FOR "RESERVED" STUDENTS IN AUSTRALIA

UNDER THE impetus of war, Australian universities have undergone a minor revolution. Faced with the need for an adequate supply of trained scientists and professionals, the Federal Government has faced up to the problem of universities in wartime. In February, 1943, the Universities Commission was set up under the Federal Minister for War Organisation of Industry to assist and advise the universities in the building of their wartime works. The main activities of the Commission have been to arrange financial assistance for students in "reserved" faculties and to act as a liaison between the universities and the Munitions Directorate.

Students accepted by the universities and approved by the Munitions Directorate for entry into "reserved" faculties—medicine, dentistry, science, engineering, agriculture, veterinary science—are exempt from direction to any other form of national service including conscription into the armed forces. The occupation of the "reserved" undergraduate is that of "student." It is his form of national service.

The number of "reserved" first year students is arrived at after consultation between the scientific and professional advisory committees of the Munitions Directorate and the universities concerned. Reservations are scheduled to be lifted after the first year continues if the student's work is satisfactory. In addition to the "reserved" faculties, some students are reserved in all stages in the "unreserved" faculties of arts, law, commerce and architecture.

Financial Assistance Eliminates Wastage

A scheme of financial assistance to students was introduced with the establishment of the Commission. This has enabled highly qualified but unfavoured students to undertake university courses which would otherwise be closed to them. Much wastage of talent has been eliminated by this measure which caved assistance to 1,600 students in the first year of its operation. All reserved students in any faculty are eligible for financial assistance. Recently the Government approved the extension of this assistance to women students taking the Diploma of Social Studies and to students in part-time courses.

Assistance is given under a means test. Students whose parents are not in a financial position to give any help receive the maximum assistance of $45 a year—$3 service per annum. Students whose parents are in a financial position to give any help receive the maximum assistance of $45 a year—$3 service per annum. Students whose parents are in a financial position to give any help receive the maximum assistance of $45 a year—$3 service per annum.

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World Youth Conference Planned

IN NOVEMBER, 1942, AN INTERNATIONAL Youth Conference was held in London, and was attended by young people of twenty-nine different countries. Here the World Youth Council was founded, and a Call to Action to the youth of the democratic world was drawn up. This Call, which declared that young people everywhere are fighting not only for the defeat of Fascism, but also for the four freedoms, ends: "Forward for our future. United in Action. Win."

This has become the basis of WYC work. It acts as a link between the Youth Movements of all the United Nations and their supporters, and helps to develop friendly cooperation and understanding between young people. Its methods are educational, and it forms a clearing house for information about young people of different countries, providing them with contacts between such movements as the press, radio, international conferences, and the exchange of delegates.

Since its foundation, 42 youth organs of a further 16 different countries have joined the Council. Latest delegates to arrive in this country have been from Yugoslavia and the U.S.S.R., both of them former students. A delegate from the French youth is expected shortly.

The WYC observes two events annually—the World Youth Week, a week of special youth effort and international understanding celebrated during the first week of Spring, and International Students' Week.

The immediate task of the new Executive, which is to be elected shortly, is to make provision for a World Youth Conference as soon as the situation permits. Delegates from all over the world are expected.

One who turn up their noses at the world might do well to remember that it is as good to them as it are every other place. Set the grumblers to work and alter it.

Political Science Under Fascism

lectures

— practical
New Chancellor’s Message Follows
NZUSA Welcome

Students will have read that the Hon. Mr. Justice Smith was elected Chancellor of the University of New Zealand at the Annual Meeting of Senate last month in Wellington. This followed on the retirement of the Hon. J. A. Hanan who had held the position since 1935.

The President of NZUSA wrote on your behalf and offered the congratulations and best wishes of the Student Body to the new Chancellor, who replied as follows:—

“Dear Mr. President,

Thank you very much for your letter of congratulations. I hereby extend to you the congratulations of the Student Body upon my election as Chancellor of the University.

“The knowledge that I commence my duties with the good wishes of the active young men and women who comprise our Student Body is an encouragement to me and I reciprocate the wish that we may all find opportunity to work for the benefit of the University as a whole.

“Again, many thanks and all good wishes to the N.Z. University Students’ Association.

Yours sincerely,

(Sgd.) D. S. Smith.”

The new Chancellor has had a long and distinguished career in the legal profession including appointment as a Judge of the Supreme Court in 1923. He graduated LL.M. from VUC in 1913, and during his time at College was a prominent debater, winning the Plunket Medal in 1910. Although Mr. Justice Smith is the sixth Chancellor of the University, he is only the second New Zealander to hold the office. It is felt that he will live up to the high standard set by his predecessors, who have included such men as Sir James Hector, Sir Robert Stout, and Professor J. Macmillan Brown.

Senate Moves For NZU Press In 1946

An important decision taken at the recent meeting of Senate laid the basis for an early establishment of a University Press, mooted for many years. A special board is now constituted, its functions to make regulations for the conduct of the Press, to consult experts on technical matters, to frame estimates for the cost of publication of approved works, to consider publication of original works, and to submit a comprehensive report to the 1946 meeting of Senate.

The Board, which was granted up to £500 for preliminary expenses, consists of seven members, three from Senate, that is the Academic Board, and one co-opted member. Appointees for the Senate are: Sir Thomas Hunter, Vice-Chancellor and Principal of VUC; Prof. James Hight, Pro-Chancellor and Professor of History at CUC; and Mr. J. H. E. Schroder, Chairman of CUC Council and Associate Editor of the Church Press. Other members have not been appointed as yet.

It would appear that the Special Board has power to make all ready for operation of the Press early next year, subject, of course, to approval of 1946 Senate.

PPS Proposals

Last year the Progressive Publishing Society set up a sub-committee to place several proposals before the University Senate. The proposals covered the publication of text books, lecture notes, theses and periodicals; publication of general scientific works; the printing of special material for research organisations; and incidentally the indexing of text books. The Society suggested its relation to the University Press as a distributing agent. These proposals were submitted to the Senate, which deferred full consideration pending their full meeting in January.

SCIENCE TALK

—by Prof. Gunjar

Usually, that is, generally speaking, to take a specific case, we find that caricature barras may frequently, but not always, in many instances, fall owing to season cracking, but this is not always adhered to.

However, due to hitherto redundant factors, other things being equal, circumstances may crop up where we find exceptions to the rule quoted above. This is not always the case, but we can, broadly speaking, say, with some certainty, that these generalities are not generally to be relied on, although some authorities specifically state that the reverse is the case.

Well, we’ll let it go at that today.

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SPORT

Tournament Still On

Tournament means much more than a collection of sporting events. It includes indoor sports, such as elbow raising and Tournament Ball, and it is the only time of the year when students from all six Colleges can meet in an organised manner. Easter 1945 will offer an opportunity to make up for the enforced semi-isolation of the last few years in a triple invasion of Auckland that will make D-Day look like a Sunday School treat.

Hakas, one sport at which Victoria always excels, need energetic rehearsal, so watch notice boards for times.

This year will see an additional extension of women's events besides basketball, as it is hoped to include some amazons in the athletic and miniature rifle contests.

The following are the numbers of representatives in each sport: Athletics, 7 for each event; Swimming, 8; Boxing, 1 in each weight; Tennis, 12; Rowing, 8; Basketball, 9.

In addition it will be possible for some non-competing supporters to travel, but get moving smartly, transport is still the major obstacle.

If, in the next few weeks, you see two rather perplexed young men walking round the college grounds in the small hours of the morning, or doing a fan dance with a sheaf of papers and a typewriter, treat them gently. They are the Exec. Tournament delegates.

Swimming Club Requests

More Members

Although the average attendance at club nights over the season has been twenty, the steady canvas number about ten. Of these ten, only eight are near tournament standard. Unfortunately, the tournament team is eight, which means that we will have to send not the pick of the bunch, but the bulk.

Because there are probably students in the College who do not realise how good they are, we are listing below some events together with times. Anyone who can equal or better the times should drop "Salient" immediately and rush for the nearest swimming bath. There is not much time left to train.

Men's events: Freestyle, 25yd., 14 sec.; 223yds., 16 sec.; 100yds., 100 sec.; Backstroke, 331 yds., 36 sec.

Women's events: Freestyle, 231 yds., 28 sec.; 50yds., 26 sec.; Breaststroke, 100yds., 160 sec.

The club has had some financial success lately, having collected trophy orders at the Hutt and Te Aro carnivals.

Club nights will continue until the end of March on Wednesday nights except for March 21, when there is a Special General Students' Meeting. On Tuesday March 20 there will be a visit to the Hutt Club.

Club Captain, B. B. Hands (44-114).
Secretary, G. S. Bogle (45-012).

TEENIES

With the probability of an Easter Tournament there arises the possibility of a certain amount of criticism of the method of selection of the representatives; consequently the committee feels that an idea of the standard required from anyone desirous of consideration as a tournament representative should be held as a plain clear to the benefit of new members, who, next year, may have the honour of playing for the College. Above all, the selection committee demands excellent sportsmanship, which means more than being a good loser; it means loyalty to the club during any lean times which may arise; it means putting the College Club before one's personal gain—there are players in the VUC Club who have worked to treble the membership during the past four years when there have been no tournaments to assist them in their task of recruiting. Secondly, the committee has kept a sharp watch for likely talent and if there are any players who feel that they have been overlooked it is because, during the past three seasons, they have not shown sufficient keenness to play at the club on Saturdays. At the same time, that students are away from Wellington for the greater part of the season is taken into consideration.

-M.B.

ATHLETICS BOAST

Three Champs

The Inter-Faculty Sports Meeting will occupy all of Saturday, March 17, and recent weeks have shown feverish activity on the part of the club committee and supporters. Kelburn Park this year will see women competitors as well as men enter the events for them to contest. Except for a few top-notchers, standards will not be high, but large fields are anticipated.

The club now boasts three provincial champions and has good representation by R. Bicket, G. Bogle, J. E. Drummond, J. Goldfinch, I. McDowell, A. H. E. and D. Besseyman in the Wellington team at the National Athletic Championships next Saturday.

The willing help of Mr. Jacobson, ex-VUC, of Rongotai College has been of great assistance to the club in managing and coaching tournament prospects during the last few weeks. With his help, the team will show up well at Easter, although there is still a serious lack of competitors for field events. Here is a chance for a trip to Auckland so come out and do your best at the Inter-Faculty Meeting.

Secretary, J. Drummond (46-014).

BASKETBALL PREPARES

FOR TOURNAMENT

Come one, Freshetteds—wake up! Only three Freshetteds came to the annual general meeting on Thursday. Don't forget that Freshetteds of 1945 will be eligible for Easter Tournament of 1946. Come along and join the Basketball Club, giving yourselves better chances for Tournament Team in 1946.

This year the club has had an early start, and Tournament is looming large on the horizon. Up till now practices have been held in the gym, but we are moving to St. Joseph's outdoor, bowdall courts in Buckle Street, from 7 to 8 p.m. on Monday nights.

Nancy Bullock, ex-varsity player, was our coach last year. The club wishes to thank her for her splendid efforts with the teams and extend her every good wish in her new position.

Mrs. Gorrigan has gallantly come to our rescue. If VUC does not cover itself with glory at Tournament, you certainly won't be Mrs. Gorrigan's fault.

The basketball season opens on April 21, so Freshetteds, don't stay at home swotting every night. Come along to the basketball practices and get those cobwebs blown away. You don't wish to become blue stockings (wear black ones). If you wish to know more of our activities ring Thea Muir, 26-110, or Norma Henderson, 26-160.

-M.B.

ROWING READY

The club poster on the notice board is carrying a number of new names. This is good, and you are welcomed. Rowing, especially at weekends, will be organised for new members at once.

In the meantime, the emphasis is on the training of the eight, which goes to Auckland for the tournament. The crew is rowing in the early mornings, and last weekend, in good water and pouring rain, twice rowed the distance. One member of the crew, Bessey, has gone into camp, and the sculler is watching the form of the other club members.

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