Youth Blueprints Its Future at Anti-Fascist Congress

"We, the youth of the world, gathered at the World Youth Conference called by the World Youth Council and held in London in November, 1945, following the victorious war waged by the United Nations against Fascism and total war, and the foundation of Democratic Youth at this 7th day of November, 1945. This World Federation is... an organisation of youth united in their determination to work for peace, liberty, democracy, independence and equality everywhere in the world. The World Federation of Democratic Youth has also directed its work as contribution to the work of the United Nations and as the most certain way of ensuring the protection of the rights and interests of youth, and the happiness and well-being of future generations.

Thus runs the preamble to the constitution of the World Federation of Democratic Youth. Based on the strong unity of democratic forces resulting from the defeat of fascism and recognising the necessity of refusing fascism a "second chance" this organisation can be a strong force in the promotion of world peace. There is, of course, a necessary provision for its success, and that is that the youth of the world should give it every support. Its proposed activities include assistance to youth organisations whose work is hindered by lack of funds or equipment, plans for the interchange of young people between all countries in the maintenance of close contact with the United Nations and the World Federation of Trade Unions—and, most important, particular attention to the organisation of a world-wide specialised youth organisations already exist, as in England, "to provide for the formation, under the auspices of the Federation, of special international youth sections."

Delegates from 63 nations attended this Conference, representatives of countries from the USSR to Jamaica, from West Africa to China.

New Zealand's contact with overseas youth organisations is through N.Z.J.A. If you wish to see a copy of the N.Z. delegate's report on the Conference our own executive have a copy and will be only too willing to let you read it. Your contact with the Youth Movement is maintained through N.Z.J.A. for several years has been conducting an Exchange Service not only with overseas organisations but with a number of overseas youth organisations.

Within New Zealand, we receive "Carr's Cabaret", "Caper", "Critic" from our sister colleges, the "Hutt Railway Workshops Gazette", the "People's Voice", and the "N.Z. Labour Review".

Contact with a number of overseas organisations has unfortunately lapsed during the war, but "Salient" Exchange Manager, Mike Murray, is foremost in his work re-establishing relations, and making new contacts. Among the new contacts are the Australian Student Labor Federation, the organisation of "Free Austrian Youth", the Royal University of Malta, Witwatersrand University, South Africa, and we hope soon to obtain information from student organisations in India, South America, Europe and the Soviet Union.

Here then is a fairly representative selection of world student and youth opinion. New Zealand as a nation has very definite duties towards the

Relief Campaign Needs Your Help

"Help us to help ourselves. We are neither loafers nor beggars, but it so happens that we are destitute and that our state of poverty is detrimental not only to the reconstruction of our own Continent but also to world renaissance. You have always needed help, and will always need our scholars and men of science, just as we need yours. Today it is only by means of your money that Europe can build up her peace army of scientists and technicians, scholars and artists. You, in your turn, will reap benefit from the consequent revival in our music and poetry, dance and the plastic arts."

This is an extract from an open letter to a European student which has just come into the hands of the ISS Committee at Victoria College. This movement for World Student Relief began in 1942 on the basis of the European Student Relief Fund which started in 1941 to help students in the countries occupied. As the war extended further and beyond the frontiers of Europe, WSR became the overseas auxiliary of the ISS, bringing material and spiritual aid to thousands of student prisoners of war, and helping student interned and refugees to continue their studies under the hardships of modern war.

The work of WSR is now in a very urgent stage. These countries devastated by war have to be rebuilt and the people rehabilitated. In this task, the interest of WSR is to help students and professors victimised by war, without discrimination as to race, religion, nationality or sex. Further, WSR must continue its war relief programme for these thousands of students in prison camps in Canada, France, Great Britain, and the U.S.A. and for student interned and refugees in many other parts of the world.

With this issue you have received a questionnaire on the boarding situation. If this matter concerns you please fill in the form and put it in the "Bali" box in the male residence. Material will be created and proposals put forward for improvement in the lodging of students.
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CAPPICADE 1946

The Executive has received a complaint from an old student concerning the failure to publish a letter he addressed to “Salient” last May. Since the present executive was not in office at that time, the reason for its not being published is unknown. In answer to the complaint we now publish the letter. It may be stated that present executive assumes full responsibility for its publications, and has taken steps to ensure that such offensive matter as complained of is not published.

DAVE COHEN, President, VUCA.

Dear “Salient” — In “Spade No. 64” (1938) I claimed the privilege as a life member of the Students’ Association and you published a letter from me protesting against the “indecent exhibitionism” of “Cappicade.” In that letter I said: “last year I read the programme with alarm! this year I read it with indignation and nausea. Such an exhibition of dirty-mindedness should not have happened twice—I put ‘Cappicade’ of this year on the moral and literary level of latrine scribbling.” I said other things, none of which I am able to regret. I ventured in that letter, later alia, to beg to the Students’ Association to clean its own stable lest perchance the College Council and the Profess- sorial Board would be compelled to take drastic action against representa- tive members of an Executive when it fails to fulfill a manifest duty. I pointed out then that it was not always possible to deal with the real culprit, who might even be outside the College—a few young men obsessed with sex and not possessed of social intelligence, of good manners or of good taste.” I write again because I think the 1946 “Cappicade” falls under the condemnation of 1938.

I am more concerned this time because, during the past year I have heard statements made in connection with Victoria University College which indicate that many of the students of the College have got developed an ex- ecutive conscience when confronted with facts which they themselves de- plore. Let me state a case by way of example. Let us suppose a member of the Executive of the Students’ Association is invited to a gathering of stu- dents and finds that students, both male and female, are drunk and sprawling about the room together. It may be assumed that the Executive member is a guest and the gathering held at some hall remote from the College, to which College rules do not apply, and by some special College group. Is it possible, in decency, to do anything about it?

In answering this question I make certain assumptions. The first is that the honour of the College as a whole and the honour of the University is involved. The second is that the hon- our of members of the College is very deeply involved because no social observer has failed to observe the asso- ciation of drink with sexual promiscuity, an association which would not be missed, at any rate, by any reader of “Cappicade.” I assume that no sane parent would send his son or his daughter to Victoria University College if he thought drunkenness and “Cappicade” more represented the life of the College. I assume, finally, that the University stands for higher standards of life and living than are represented by drunkenness and promiscuity.

Assuming these things, I would ven- ture to suggest that the student body, either on its own initiative or in con- sultation with the Professorial Board, should devise machinery which would guarantee suitable observation of all functions which may possibly be associ- ated with the College and the im- mediate elimination from the College registers — whether temporarily or per- manently — of those who offend. I do not think that students of the present day will set unless some duty is pre- scribed.

I would emphasise again, as I did in 1938, the desirability of the initiative in this matter springing from the Ex- ecutive of the Student Association. The alternatives lie in the direction of the appointment of censors and proctors — highly objectionable institutions if they can be avoided — but absolutely necessary if students do not learn to co-operate with the forces of law, order and public decency and to im- pose reasonable discipline upon them- selves. — Yours sincerely,

F. A. de la MARE.
Poem
Beyond the coming hill lies a lost girl
Pictured against the grass, a shade in
Hallowed her oldened heart to the grey earth rising,
Crying the dead cry that has come for company.
Over the hill that I tried, and beside a rock.
The pairs fulfilled that I passed, lost
And the null ground that I tried, there for taking
Who can find what is offered: the stump shrubs
Chased to a ball by sheep, only the core.
And upon the trees, din and diffused
Beyond my rising hill and beside a rock.
Would I find my path by moonlight,
Would I follow the sheeps' tracks and upon my feet.
Would I feel where dew is thickest,
taste my way
Aiming the bitterness of rock then know
The place of release that touched my
In the mingling of the earth.
How have our hearts been dried in the
And torn in the tree of the sea, snags of the mind?
Old days of roses have smiled in a faest mackerly
And laughing girls have flaunted in death.
Others have cried my cry, but I could not find them.
Then take my rising hill and grant me rock,
Grant me a little way to left or right
And the weather might as a catapult, grant me the hint
Only that eyes have caught, and been doors.
That I strike through to I know not where, beyond death.
—P.W.

Attack At Noon
The lizard lies tongue poised
On the teigs dail gold
Setting, the butterfly's
Brown velvet wings unfold.
The white noon sun burns dim
Above the Bird ground.
Leaves heavy fall with heat
Down to the swamp ground.
Men wear and damp a sorrow
With gaudy violet
Life is utterly dead,
But the grass reassures:
—ALVIN FALCONER.
*   *
The Last Camp
The candle is a sorrow of war,
Thought guttered out.
And I wake weary as the croaking
Thrushs in the rain-soaked tree.
Call lastly,
Faint echo lasting in the misty hills.
The calm indifferent smoke
Indulged a good saps
Roll up the blankets for another day.
—ALVIN FALCONER.
*   *
Call the apocalyptic urge
Cloth the lifeless circumstances.
Evolve restlessly
The vengeance-barbarians
Warrors of the black burning, thirsty
Sorbes Trampling the mind's incoherence.
Bring sheer annihilation on this place,
What the thunderclouds with shouting
And the clash of unappeasable anger.
Destroy, destroy.

Strain the established interest of mind
To absolute extinction,
Reduce each aspiration to its ember
Dying, dying.
Left from the enterprises hand
The brush and pen.
—WHO.

LITERARY PAGE

“A Place of One’s Own”

Having been treated to a cycle of ghost and horror stories it is not to be expected that you will find this Gainsborough production very entertaining. Even the connoisseur of “ghouls and goblins” who has lunched on the original (except, perhaps, an artistic use of sound) will be dissatisfied with the violaceous clashing of doors, snuffling, and sea-surge of “The Uninvited.” A Place of One’s Own is a whisperer-down-speaking-tubes and an accomplished platitude. The story opens in 1800 when brood-house residents buy, for a rare old house in the country and employs the beautiful Miss Annette (Margaret Lockwood) as a companion for his wife. In the process of falling in with the handsome local doc-tor, Miss Annette is possessed by the shade of a former inhabitant, a love-ly, wench, whose ghostly activities cause Annette to pine away through several unconvincing scenes. (In this respect I think “The Uninvited” was far more satisfactory with its mad young lady’s trance-estacies and mad dashes for the cliff’s edge.) Miss Lockwood is too near thirty to portray well the distracted visions of adolescence.

But if the plot is threadbare, the film has saving graces. Obert Skittwell’s novel, from which it is adapted, provided material for excellent minor characterizations. The camera fre-queently leaves Miss Lockwood’s troubled form to introduce a range of people from the saucy cook to neighbour Major Manning Tuthorn, all equally well presented. For the film-fan who is interested in technique, there is some fine camera and art work and the Smethurst mansion is truly beau-tiful. And the general camera-work is very satisfying, particularly the closing-up to open agnies. I noted one simple startling shot of a police helmet and cloak thrown over a chair, used to add to the tense atmosphere and introduce a new character.

Drama Club AGM

In contrast to the rather unusual meeting held last year, the Annual General Meeting of the Drama Club held on Monday evening was very smooth-ly, and if the attendance was small, the Hockey Ball can be blamed. The minutes, financial report and a programme for the year drawn up by the outgoing committee, was taken as read. The annual report showed apomin-market activity during 1945 but indicated progress in 1946 with “Mr. Bolfre,” which is to be played in town early in the new year. The proceeds of these performances are to be given to the Building Fund.

The highlight of the meeting was the introduction of a new constitution by the president, which, after the discus-sion was adopted.—(The old con-stitution had unfortunately been burnt.

Committee, 1946.—
President: Mr. B. Mason.

War Poems and Lyrics
—Alvin Falconer

Very little good anti-fascist verse has been published in New Zealand, a re-flection no doubt of our isolation. What there has been has been very often of a rather poor technical quality. It is therefore pleasing to come upon such a volume as this which the writer says something worthwhile and in an effective style. Mr. Falconer has an excellent collection, although there are in some places very bad patches—com-plete trivialness of expression, bathos, too willing an acceptance of a tradi-tional rhyme. It is interesting to note that the lyrics are on the whole considerably better technically and as contained expressions of emotion than the war poems, which possibly suggests that Mr. Falconer experiences the thing higher than is possible in us can be seen in other volumes of war verse. War experiences are more la-tent and conflicting than others, and consequently more difficult to express in a matter of the quantity of poetry of little use. Mr. Falconer has realised this and his command of language and clarity of expression are to be com-mended. (Modern Books, 2/6.)

Chopin Recital

By Robin Jansen

If Ignace Friedman’s prediction that "the mantle of Beethoven will fall on Jansen’s shoulders," a prediction formulated by Constant Lambert’s dictum that music is in a decline will receive an unprecedented boost.

Jansen played on a mediocre instru-ment, in a room whose acoustics do not excuse wrong notes. Jansen’s speed in the "Grand Polonaise" was a shock to the susceptibilities. He was restrained in his approach, and admirable welcome change after the usual hotch-potch of lush emotionality that arises like species-borne from the clash of poor, defenseless Chopin and the music critic of the superimposing of the player’s emotions over those inherent in the music.

Jansen played Chopin, but with him success, however, for I believe that he has not yet reached the ulti-mate height, or even the A.P.

The Old Clay Patch

The writer recently acquired a copy of the limited edition of "The Old Clay Patch, 1928..." The suggestion has been favourably received by several old students, that this be the verse "written and about V.U.C" from 1920 to 1946 be collected and issued as a supplement to Edition 2. Proceeds from the subscri-butions and sale of this volume will go to the Clay Patch fund.

There is much good verse written here that could be immortalized in a supplementary volume. The editors of the next five years.

The support of past students is essential to ensure the success of this.

You can help us by seeing that past students get this supplement. The records officer can help us by looking out former College poets and contacting them and asking them to sign.

When we are sincere interest among our present students in the "Old Clay Patch," we can call for copy to make a success that will prove once for all that V.U.C has a tradition of culture.
DEBATE ON SOVIET POLICY DRAWS LARGE AUDIENCE

The gymnasium rocked and bulged on a recent Friday evening when over two hundred students and visitors packed in to hear the first debate of the year. That the present foreign policy of the Soviet Union is a threat to world peace. Nigel Taylor, newly elected chairman, appeared to the interjectors to be witty and apposite. Professor Lipson, the club's new president, judged the speakers. It was soon evident that the audience was getting far more fun than the debaters, who were subjected to torrents of wisecracks, inevitably followed by loud, raucous laughter.

KEVIN O'BRIEN

Mr. O'Brien, vigorous and confident, opened with concise definitions and then proceeded to divide his subject into three rather arbitrary sections—military, economic and political. To each of whose secondary he was to take the second. His main criticism centred round the suspicion that is aroused by the Soviet policy of creating a circle of buffer states, of refusing to pool vital information, and adopting an obstructive policy in UNO. Since he reduced his speed Mr. O'Brien has become a plausible and interesting speaker.

Mr. O'Brien pointed out that the foreign policy of any country is connected with its economic policy, and inferred from this that Russia's protectorates are being exploited to provide for the economic policy of expansion of industry. His manner of presentation was too restrained for such a boisterous audience.

Floor Speakers

Miss Kelly, cleverly concealing her own opinions, pointed out the significant fact that the argument could not be confined to Soviet policy alone. She quoted Stalin: "Peace, Bread and Love." A voice: "Standing on one of the 600 frisbees. Not, no beer!" No subsequent speaker was able to contradict her statements that General Eisenhower acknowledged substantial interchange of information with the Russians, and that there are only two, 600 Russian troops in Poland.

Mr. Neuberger: "There will be no war because you don't have to fight leaders of UN are socialists."

Mr. Earle gave first-hand evidence of Russian aggression in Poland. He has seen the way the entire Polish capital and economic structure was sabotaged by the Russians in 1945.

Mr. Poole and Mr. Daniel: "The Soviet Union does not want war but its actions are not in the interests of peace." Mr. Poole produced the UN Charter in support of his arguments.

Mr. MacTavish: "That strange monster, the Soviet Ambassador's car. What country seeking war would sink its resources in such a phenomenon?"

Mr. Sakey, the kindly ermine: "What foreign policy has ever been dictated by altruistic motives? Listen not to the idealistic nonsense so often talked on University debating platforms."

Mr. O'Flynn: "The yardstick of the UN, USSR is not pulling its weight with the 600 frisbees he has captured. British troops are in Indo-China by UN agreement. There is no partition of Palestine." We are pleased to welcome Mr. O'Flynn's trenchant and drive back on to the VUC platform.

Mr. Winchester: "Some of the speakers seem to be in a state of nervous pregnancy. UN has refused to recognize Governments dominated by the USSR."

Unknown Octet

Write Extrav., '46

When R. L. Meek, Victoria's brilliant Extrav.-produced member, won the last eight years, declined to create another masterpiece for a team to be put together. The evidence was very evident that no single man could assume the magic mandate this neat vacant. Instead, a team, known as the Octet, of little, less and less, of them feeling the sight of genius on their brows, but all enthusiastic and very much I desired.

The result is imperfect, beyond a doubt, but lessons of former years have not been discarded lightly, and the gags, drawn from such diverse spots as the Associated Chambers of Horrors in Trieste, or an officers' club in Hongkong, are new and enjoyable.

The core presents a form of a political papyrus on the basis of genuine humour. The authors, by the exercise of a little ingenuity and dramatic freedom, have been able to embody in the Octet, the work of the important personages and happenings in the world today. UNO figures large in the first act, with Windy Beach playing a double role as protagonist for peace, particularly the British Empire, which, as one of the lyrics announces, "shows signs of passion."

The second act focuses attention on the scene in the New Norway Land, which, strangely enough, is intended to represent New Zealand. Hitler-Peter Pan has brought in character on the UNO stage, so that they may see how things are going in an enlightened democracy. Unfortunately, as often happens, the clash not does allow the true star of the show to appear, and, far from a peaceful, idyllic atmosphere, the gentlemen from UNO find themselves surrounded by pirates, headed by Captain Sido, backed by the Associated Chambers of Horrors, assigned election cakes, Commodities, and other gruesome paraphernalia which make UNO seem like a Sunday school picnic in comparison. From this point the action proceeds with many dramatic incidents and pointed allusions to the preservation of Peter's life by the activities of the UNO, who, of course, boggles up the Pirate Chief with obvious enjoyment.

At this juncture the story would not be complete without the interpolation of an atomic bomb, and, accordingly, the authors have allowed one to be introduced, but, unlike the real thing, this particular lump of uranium is of a metaphysical nature and ushered in the third act, which purports to take place in Heaven. Here we have another Peter (but still saying Domini- on), who happens to be in possession of the keys. The rest of the plot will easily be discerned by the attentive reader. Suffice it to say that the play ends with a rousing chorus which will allow the audience to go home with a feeling of satisfaction, and be far too tired to get to the backstage kip with a genuine thirst.

Mr. Campbell (Dad and Dave): "It will be a disgrace to this Society if the motion is passed."

Mr. Pies (Pies and Poole): After the two leaders had summed up, they added anything to the discussion, the motion was passed and carried by 6 votes on a count of members of the Association to the whole house, however, it was lost by a similar narrow margin. There were about 16 visitors present.
NO MAN'S LAND

Masculinity Replies

Dear Sir,—For some time now I have been painfully aware of a fault characteristic of many Varsity women. I read with interest an article in the latest edition of "Sallent" decriing our New Zealand masculinity. This has provided the motivation for putting my observations to paper. I should like to point out hastily that this letter is not by way of reply: the perpetuation of this tendency reads evoked only the sneers it deserved.

I do not decry the woman who seeks success for women's rights; such habits show rather a pleasing disregard for convention and prim great-aunt, but I am appalled at the woman who matters.

God save me from a prattling woman! For there is no redeeming virtue in nattering. A man who gurgles in egotistical vein is at least achieving something; he is satisfying a very human urge—the urge of self-assertion. If a prattling woman is not, it is not, therefore, her fault. She does not even satisfy her desire. Usually she finds after half-an-hour's babbling about the beauty of her hair or her beauty or her dignity or her legacy or her man. But, damn it, she never loses her breath.—Yours truly,

ONE OF THE THREE.

Dear Sir,—I wish to lodge an objection. Is "Sallent" so short of worth while copy that it is forced to fall back on such a banal platitude as was published last week under the title of "The Differences between NZ Masculine and Feminine"? Was the Editor deceived by such a blatant fraud as this? Or is the magazineishing for protest?

Not that this protest is directed against the conclusions reached by the writer. On the contrary, it is refreshing to see such humility and self-criticism from a young man—for that the writer was such must be obvious even to the most myopic. But to accept it as the opinion of a woman of the world, self-respecting or not, is simply ridiculous.

To my mind there is one paragraph that locates the writer beyond shadow of doubt. Who else but a inhabitant of Wellington would suggest that a woman of the world, however great her experience, could endure the attentions of 86 Weir House students in order to decide that three of them had an amorous technique? That brands the article. But the whole thing is couched in terms foreign to a feminine vocabulary, and proclaims itself at every word a more than tedious "Sitha.

Dear Sir,—I suppose your letter-box will be stuffed full of replies from men all over the college denying this and that; but I don't want to deny anything. I just want to complain.

As an average Weir House man I have to agree we lack technique. Coming from the country we are naturally a bit shy of women. If I were to meet such a sophisticated woman as Un-signed must be, I'm sure I'd be very fascinated but not know what to do with her at all.

Moreover this is the suggestion that we should be ashamed of not having a technique. That callous word belongs to an attitude quite foreign to us simple fellows. We feel there are more main things in life than love-making. What about the clean, healthy, exhilarating things such as whistling at the top of one's voice, eating an apple, or having a cold shower?

I think I can speak for most of us in this: we may be rough; but we are Men, and proud of it.—Yours faithfully.

C. G. BOGLE.

Information Booklet

Dear Sir,—In view of comments on the non-appearance of the Information Booklet for Freshers, some explanation may be necessary.

Material for the booklet was called for on December 31st. An anger, but was made with the publishers that if the material be handed over by January 20 they would have it ready for distribution by February 20. By January 1, half of the reports were still missing, some had arrived and some had not, and were therefore made with all secretaries. There were several clubs who apparently did not intend to make Freshers aware of their existence. When January 20 came reports were still missing, but as some were definitely promised, I held up the booklet a week longer. The material was finally handed over one week later, sufficient to upset the printer's schedule.

Six club reports have been reprinted from the previous year and are likely to contain inaccurate information. Students—the next time you elect a secretary, please take an intelligent interest and remember that a sense of responsibility is a desirable qualification.—Yours faithfully,

MARGARET L. MCKENZIE.

(Abridged.—Ed.)

Fine Writing For Plebs

Dear Sir,—We students are the future leaders of society and as such must realise our responsibilities. So we owe much to R.G.C. for his "Objection" in the last issue of "Sallent."

As R.G.C. says, it is my duty as a writer to tell you about "the significant movement of our time." Unfortunately he seems a little hazy as to what it is and mentions "the world-wide struggle of the masses of people to whom we belong." However, these are very common phrases nowadays, and I feel sure that beneath these veiled terms he is subtly referring to the Manhattan Revolution. Of course we all want a happy classless society, but only the most naive optimism would assume that because Capitalism is dying, the Ideal People's State is arriving. In fact, it is obvious that control of the world is passing into the hands of the People not of the big Managers—the technicians and administrators in business and government. This is the significant movement of our time. Let literature express it! Standing firmly behind R.G.C. I say: "Tell the People!"—Yours, etc.,

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Ex-Servicemen form Association to Serve Special Needs

About seventy returned servicemen were present at the meeting called in the Gym. to discuss the possibility and desirability of forming an association of ex-servicemen at VUC. Mr. Taylor opened the meeting and Mr. Higgins was later elected chairman for the evening.

During the discussion it was obvious that two main points were at issue. Firstly, should all ex-servicemen, home as well as returned, be included in the proposed organisation, and secondly, should an official branch of the Association be formed at VUC. As the RSA will only have official truck with returned members, the second point was more or less dependent on the first.

The meeting showed itself gratifyingly free from any of the petty parochialism and service snobbery so often associated with ex-servicemen organisations and decided by an overwhelming majority to include all ex-servicemen in the society. It was further decided that no official branch of the society be set up but it was suggested by Mr. Taylor that the RSA would remove any formalities from the student ex-serviceman body in a kindly spirit, if it was decided to enlist their aid in the righting of some specific grievance. Also as there were about 500 ex-servicemen at VUC, any procrastination made by a society such a body would be listened to with respect.

It was unanimously agreed that the framing of a constitution be left to an Interim Committee, and that they should report back to a meeting of all ex-servicemen at the earliest opportunity. The interim committee was elected as follows:

Chairman: Mr. Mugridge,
Secretary: Mr. Dowrick,
Committee: Mr. Taylor, Mr. Mitchell, Mr. Falconer, Mr. Murray.

Gramophone Club

At the AGM of the Gramophone Club, held in the C.S. on March 14, the following committee, subject to the approval of the Principal, was nominated to superintend the working of the College Gramophone:

Nell Mounter, Neil Casey, Baskin Gordon, Jocelyn McMullen, Martin, Gordon Orr, Eric Hall, Bill Ord, George Elby, Margaret Richardson, Eric Palmer, Marie-Louise Nittou, Lyster Paul, Margaret Roff.
The Club secretary for the year is Pauline Michael. The meeting also carried a motion that Geoffry Wilson be appointed publicity manager.

Let's Make Music

The activities of the MUSIC in the VUC CHAMBER show signs of being on a much larger scale this year. The College band is to be coming inside to the awareness of this small group of music lovers, and because of this expansion, it was decided at the ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING on March 21 to increase the committee to six members instead of last year's four. The following officers were elected:

President: Pauline Michael,
Secretary: Jocelyn McMullin,
Treasurer: Neil Eady,
Committee: Annette Myer, Beryl Taylor, Elizabeth Millward, Jane Florence, Leonie Pascou.

Biol. Soc. Seeks Better Attendance

The Biological Society held its Annual General Meeting on Tuesday, March 25, and from the dozen or so members, four following officers were elected:

President: Pat Hogsett,
Sec.-Treas.: Lionel Anderson,
Committee: Mary Land, Margaret Roff, Terri Stick.

After the meeting, Dr. Hamilton of the DSIR gave a talk on "Herd Improvement Methods" and though the main statistical, this was nevertheless interesting. We were only sorry that there were so few to hear Dr. Hamilton even if they were enthusiastic. Last year the society had a relatively large membership and we hope that next time a speaker is invited to the College there will be a great many more interested students.

A Lying Jade

RUMOUR is a lying jade, but the sickly lady bath it that a Jack Rabbit, zealous History II Co-ed, confabulated with the more exclusive annel of her sedentary entertainment, regaled to a disconcertingly inanimate type-writer and poured out heart and unblushing soul to the extent of two footloose pages, which she unhesitatingly forwarded to the ever-amazed Editor of "Sallent."
Further to this unreliable information it is said that despite the acrimonious counsel of his sub-editors, the latter body gave the script in question duly printed and published with the consequent upheaval of University halls and Victoria Inn. In Revolution the raw was averted, however, by the swift and bloodless action of "Sallent" satefus, who, with but a postage stamp and a rouge-finger as available chez, rapidly hounded the culprit to a metropolitan Coffee Shoppe.

As in other reciprocal action, counter-espionage agents are reported to be working triple shift until possibilities of civic repercussions are gone. It is understood that notwithstanding Imperial intervention "Sallent" will continue to appear as before in the Main Hall on Wednesday, on the lunch table on Thursday, and at Moa Point by the week-end.

Chemistry Society

The Annual General Meeting of the Chemistry Society was held on Thurs., March 15, in the Biology Lecture Room.

There was a large attendance and the following officers were elected for the current year:

President: A. G. McDiarmid,
Secretary-Treasurer: G. S. Saxton,

It was hoped that if the attendance at the future meetings be as large it will be profitable for the Society and its members to invite guest speakers to deliver addresses throughout the year. Following the general business session, a general scientific interest was shown by Mr. H. D. C. Waterman.

The evening concluded with supper.

Trampers Take Long Easy Route to Mt. Wainui

A baker's dozen of variously attired trampers assembled at the Motueka railway station on Sunday, 24th, in intent on catching the Paekakariki train. A short distance along the road brought them to the turn-off, where the campfire photo was discussed. To do the short steep route slowly or the long, easy route quickly—that was the question. At last the momentous decision was taken—they took the long way slowly. After a short 2½-hour geology tour and a reached the summit of this, truly awe-inspiring peak, the view was certainly worth climbing to see. Egmont and Ruapehu in the north, Taranaki and all the major Taranaki peaks were revealed to them. Some of the more prominent among the party showed their inheritance of anthropoidal tendencies by gymnastics on the trig while ostensibly in search of a better view. The party then split up, the more enthusiastic pushing a new and faster route, while the rest set out the way they had come. Unfortunately the sun shone its last as the unseasoned circumstances, tried a new way down. The road was reached some hours later and despite thumbling and wincing and feminine smiles they had to walk to the train. The trader party dissolved on the station intend on the one thing dear to all trampers—FOOD.

Camera Club

The first meeting of the year is called for the Camera Club. The camera is urged to join up. Film will be in greater supply this year, and new camera will start coming on the market in about six months.

The Camera Club will give you that extra lift that raises your shots out of the snapshot class into the exhibition group.

VUC Swords Club

At the annual general meeting of the VUC Swords Club the following officers were elected:

Club Captain: Pia Hurrell,
Vice-Captain: Stewart Cathie,
Secretary-Treasurer: Graham McAuley.

Committee: Miss B. M. Adams, Peter Harman, Ray Sutherland.

Mr. Norman Dickson was elected a life member of the club in recognition of his sterling services in seeing the club on its feet and in appreciation of his services as honorary instructor. Over thirty attended the meeting, including twenty prospective new members. An exhibition bout was staged for the benefit of the newcomers, to give them some idea of the sport, and the following were declared the winners of the evening:

To avoid the shortage of assignment, both new and second-hand, the club will unfortunately have to limit membership until further supplies come to hand.

However, despair not, you would be swordsmen, for further supplies are on the way. The Gym. may yet see the day when there must be a night-time programme of "parry quarte, riposte, parry six, straight attack," expounded by a hundred exponents of the art.
VARSITY TO FIELD EIGHT RUGBY TEAMS THIS SEASON

With the passing at the annual meeting of the Wellington Rugby Union, of a resolution reconstituting the senior competition on the same lines as in 1939, 12 teams, the University 1st XV reverted to its pre-war status. For the Club this reconstitution is indeed timely as many former players have returned from overseas and there is every indication that the "boys in green," whom they take to the field this year will hold their own with the best in the senior competition. As the Lions are hopeful of seeing the several wooden spoons, collected during the war years, replaced by the respective competition cups.

As was pointed out by Mr. J. R. Parker, senior coach, at the successful annual meeting of the Club, University was probably more affected by the war than any other Wellington Club, since practically all of its players fell within the overseas military age groups. The tide now turns, however, and with over 150 students having already notified their intention to play regularly, and with more likely to turn up shortly, there is every reason for optimism.

Probably eight teams (as compared with last year's five) will be fielded, in the senior A and B, Junior A and B, Third A, B, and C and the Fourth grade competitions, respectively. The latter entry, Fourth, has become possible through the raising of the age limit to 18 years 6 months as at 1st April, 1946. An appeal to play for this team is made to all younger students who may have decided not to play this year owing to the previous necessity to compete in the higher grades.

The first general club practice excellently attended, was recently held in the College gymnasium, where similar practices will be held during the next few weeks on Wednesday evenings commencing at 5.5 p.m. Actual inter-team game practices on Prince of Wales Park will be held on Saturday afternoons, April 6 and 13, prior to the commencement of Wellington Rugby Union Competitions.

The Carterton trip on Easter Saturday, as detailed on notice boards, promises well.

Enthusiasm and keenness has pervaded all aspects of Club activities to date this year. This must continue. Regular practices by every member of every team will prove the secret of the Club's success or otherwise in the 1946 season.

VUC SWIMMING CARNIVAL RESULTS


Interarsity Relay: 4:33.1.

Law and Commerce (Murphy, Grace, Bennett, West); 2. Science; 3. Arts. Time: 75.8 sec.


The following committee was elected at the annual general meeting for 1946:

President: G. A. Peddie.

Chairman: John Ziman.

Vice-Chairman: Geoff Streeter.

Sec.-Treasurer: D. S. Milne.

Committee: Jean Priest, Derek Manchester.

Shoots are held on Tuesdays, commencing at 7:30 p.m. at the Wallace Street Range and attendance this year have been very encouraging.

Our President, Mr. G. A. Peddie, has kindly donated a cup which will be called the Peddie Cup and the rules governing the award set down in the club rules. Mr. Peddie also intends that a small annual trophy be held by the winner of the Peddie Cup and only 24 hours notice will be given in order to inform the winners of the Peddie Cup and only 24 hours notice will be given in order to inform the winners of the Peddie Cup and only 24 hours notice will be given in order to inform the winners of the Peddie Cup.
WE INTRODUCE YOU TO EASTER TOURNAMENT '46

Over seventy VUC students leave for Christchurch on Easter Thursday to take part in the biggest sports meeting in New Zealand, the New Zealand University Tournament. In addition to the usual sports presented—track and field, boxing, tennis, shooting, rowing, swimming and women’s basketball—this year for the first time, there will be track and field events for women, which, even if no startling performances are registered, will at least help towards evening the balance between the sexes. Invitations for the Joynt Scroll used to be at Easter up till 15 years ago, but the general air of levity, together with the vegetable surplus, resulted in debating being held over for a quieter time.

Levity is a feature of Tournament. On Easter Saturday last year Evans & Brown visited Thorndon Baths and swam a length fully clothed, for a bet of £1. When he got out he found the stabes had doubled.

An enlivening touch was added to the Otago haka with such vim that he was reduced to a whisper and his lecture class of dentistry students were in tears. The committee decided that the Otago haka was not suitable for the VUC function.

The four main colleges compete—Massey students forming part of the VUC team and Lincoln joining the VUC team. The VUC committee have been on all hands to force the admission of Massey to independent status, but apart from the difficulty of billets, finances and rowing, the committee doubted whether the organization could be handled satisfactorily until Massey achieved a higher proportion of degree or third and fourth-year students.

Since 1922 Tournament has been run by a committee of eight, two delegates from each college. The better known ex-delegates are Prof. Justice Smith; Chancellor of the University; and Mr. G. F. Dixon, today president of many VUC clubs.

Some years ago the VUC presented a carved wooden spoon ornamented with a palm shell for the college gaining most points. Time and again we cast upon the waters has returned to us, in the form of a wooden spoon. Last year, as the trophy case pathetically showed, we won this spoon and the athletics' wooden spoon as well—the only trophies to come to the VUC.

VUC. There is, of course, the first boxing shield which we won in 1941, the last time it was competed for. In 1945 the Joll Boxing Shield replaced the earlier trophy, which no longer held space for shields.

The Horn Trophy, the most coveted prize in the VUC, was won by the team whose members can quaff fastest: one handle being emptied of all things, beery. The idea that the contest is based on quantity, not speed, is a popular misconception.

Eligibility is based on attendance at lectures during the year, and on your belonging to VUC clubs. Fresher can compete in Winter Tournament, but not in the Spring, because we have found in the past that some people will put up with three or four weeks' lectures for the sake of going to Tournament, and then never come near the University again.

Since the national champions are taking lectures at the college but will not be eligible for the Tournament team, they are fresher and the reason cause they do not belong to the VUC club.

Varsity Eleven Seems Assured of Ultimate Success

Varsity Senior XI has now put itself into such a strong position that it is impossible to dethrone it.

Since the last review in "Salient," the team has played Petone and commenced its final and epoch making game against Rarot. Petone scored 191 and VUC with three wickets for 28 were in a spell of trouble which caused much parochial cheering from Hutt supporters, upon whose grounds the match was played, and whose own team was one point behind varsity. A fine stand of 87 between Oakley, 44, and Larkin, 44, enabled Varsity to pass Petone's score with only five wickets down.

At the beginning of the last game against Karori, Varsity still required 75 runs in a few overs, but in the final minutes a new batsman for Varsity took over and in 15 minutes the VUC team had scored 57 runs and won the game by a margin of 16 runs.

Fresher's Tennis Tournament Played in Fine Weather

This auspicious occasion, March 9, 1946, was remarkable for the unusual amount of goods-giving rains cast onto the VUC tennis courts by "Ole Man Sun," in an overwhelming deluge of rain. The weather was perfect and we are wondering how much it cost the club in bribes. Also—many eyes had lost the first flush of youth and were clouded and forever was this not indeed "the evening after the night before?" This was emphasised by the fort that people who were (a) too young and innocent and (b) too unseasoned, to attend Fresher's Welcome, carried the day at tennis. Those hardy few who were able to survive both did not show particular brilliance on the court—but perhaps they did their dams tamely; "bunt hold!! Anyway the talent obviously came from those who had had an early night, though one must confess sadly, that talent was not particularly obvious..."

Unfortunately (?) the Tennis Club is always endowed with a heavy attendance of men and this Saturday was no exception. Women were in a minority and those men who were not on the spot from the start found themselves batty after their own sex. Perhaps they were the lucky ones, however, as the women failed to show championship tennis form and two men carried off the laurels after a final victory over Mary Land and her partner. Those who are friends of Mary's would listen to know her secret. Vitamins, concentration or was it hypnotic influence? But perhaps we are misleading Miss Land. Perhaps behind that scholastic brain lies the making of a tennis champ.

But, back to the more serious side, all thanks are due to Mike Connolly for the success of the afternoon without him we would have been lost. It is the club's idea that we cannot expect miracles without support and what we need is support—more support—and still more support. There is still about £10 to be raised, and we are running a raffle for a dozen beer which netted a clear six pounds profit for Loris. We sincerely hope that the winner finally caught up with her and claimed the prize.

Hockey AGM

The 46th AGM of the Hockey Club held last week was not largely attended, but a good season is anticipated by the enthusiasm of members present, including a good number of returned men. The teams especially will benefit from the latter, and a large number of freshers is expected for the junior teams.

Officers were elected as follows:—
Patron: Mr. G. F. Dixon.
President: Prof. Justice Smith.
Club Captain: Ken Kiddie.
Hon. Sec.: Norm Towns.
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