Will Victoria Lose Wooden Spoon?

In a matter of hours now, our representatives in the various Easter Tournament sports will be sailing for Christchurch to uphold the good name of Victoria, and we wish them success. Our chances are about the same as usual, but hopes for a very good time are held by all.

Easter Tournament is considerably more than a coming together in combat of sporting giants from the various Colleges. We do not compete for 'the sake of a ribboned coat' nor yet entirely for 'honour and glory'; in fact, it would be difficult to find any student, out of the hundreds who will be present, for whom this is the main aspect. Tournament is for each exactly what he likes to make it himself, and will be remembered by different students for different reasons.

We trust that the boomerang will not return again to VUC. In other words, perhaps we have been a little greedy in keeping the ornate Wooden Spoon, which we ourselves presented, in our own glass case for so long, and we hope to let someone else have this "thing of beauty" for a while.

Swimmers Sanguine

Our team for this year is as good as usual, but with the National champions and otherwise exceptional swimmers likely to be representing the other Colleges, our hopes are no higher than usual. Victoria swimmers are, however, to be congratulated on their hardiness. Wellington is the only center without tepid baths.

The team is as follows:—Jan Caselberg, 100 back-stroke, 100 free-style; Pat Cummins, 50, 100 free-style, relay; Catherine Etchelman, 100 breast-stroke; Marget McKenzie, 100 back-stroke, 50 free-style and relay; Pat Young, dive; J. Bennett, 440 free-style; D. Kerr, 220 free-style, 100 breast-stroke; R. Shannon, dive; D. Turnbull, 100, 220 free-style, relay; D. West, 100 free-style, 100 back-stroke, relay.

Probably our best chance of a win lies in Pat Cummins, who carried off the 50 yards free-style last year. It is hard to see Cath. Etchelman coming lower than second in the 100 yds. breast-stroke. There is room for optimism in the dive because, no standard having yet been set, there are no grounds for pessimism.

Victoria swimmers can be expected to do as well as their forebears at Easter, and to have just as good a time.

ATHLETICS

Judging from the time Dave Touman is devoting to coaching Gib Bogle, if he doesn't pull off the 440 yards hurdles he will never be able to face Dave again. Even Drummond will again contest the sprint hurdles and pole vault though he will find the hurdles competition considerably stiffer than last year. The Javelin should give Eric Appleyer a chance of Shawn for Victoria this year but Hal Greig will need to get back to the form he showed in Italy and 'break the NZU record if he wants to win the high jump.

Boxers Boastful

By reason of experience and longer training, the Victoria team should this year achieve greater, if not the greatest, success in the University noble art. With Billy Hebbert once more as trainer and coach, the members will see that the last of those four rounds is not the longest.

The other point to watch is the WBC champion, and hard training this year should place him there.

George Dool is light heavyweight, is quick and has a solid punch which will leave no doubt with his opponent.

C. A. MacLennan has the fitness which is the first requisite. He is shaping nicely in training.

In the welterweight class, a skilled fighter-boxer, Noyce Whittaker, is the representative. With his practical training and proved experience, he is a Murphy in the making.

Brian Webb is the lightweight representative. By scoring a P.K.O. in the Town Hall for fortnight ago, proved his ability and should be in at the finish.

Allan Young will once more contest for the featherweight division, and is now a trainer. In a recent Town Hall preliminary he almost took the decision from the Wellington champion. This experience should help him to add another year to his NZU honour.

The bantamweight no representative was forthcoming. With his trainer's advice, Allan Watts should make the grade in this weight.
At a time when the results of our activities depend so much on the goodwill of the public (Building Fund Appeal), when the publicity of Easter Tournament and Extrav. is about to flood the daily press, it is highly regrettable that any member of the College should derogate the character of another for an insignificant mistake in policy. But when it appears that the instigator is motivated by purely partisan interests and when faults of his own may be exposed as no less excusable than those of his victim and without the justification that they were made in the interests of the Association, then his action should be condemned by every sane and intelligent student at the University.

The damage has been done. Last Friday Mr. de la Mare’s letter appeared in the “Dominion” together with a commentary of the present upheaval. Fearing that the matter might be carried yet further with the consequent besmirching of the characters of people who have done much important and tireless work for the Stud. Ass., “Salient” made a vain attempt at intervention, promising not to publish any further material if the members concerned would withdraw their resignations. But all attempts to alleviate the inevitable repercussions have failed just as surely as any effort to obfuscate student activities during the coming weeks would prove futile.

As the elections will be held on the date on which another issue of “Salient” would normally be due, the only further material to be printed will be contained in the special election issue of Monday, 29th. It is to be hoped that incident will remain unique in University history and that in future students elected to the Executive will be prepared to place the Association before all individual interests and will comport themselves as is expected of intelligent men and women.

NOBODY CARES

There was a merry murderer who flourished in Madrid,
And kept his place and saved his face no matter what he did,
His name was mud, his drink was blood, but still he sang with glee
“T’cared for nobody, no, not I, and nobody cares for me.”

The Aziz gave him victory, the Allies gave him love,
And Berin gave him warnings words, but hard words break no bones.
While all around Dictators dreamed, still Franco seemed to swim—
He cared for nobody, no, not he, and nobody cared for him.

Republicans were much rejoiced when Franco was Potsdammed,
The Big Three swore they’d shut the door, but it has not been slammed;
They seek his trade, they send him aid in petrol flowing free,
And still he sings “I care for none, and nobody cares for me.”

He knows that Franco will stand no chance, her protests are all vain,
For freedom’s sake we will not break with Franco’s Fascist Spain;
The Royalist may still persist, but Juan’s hopes grow dim—
He cares for nobody, no, not he, and nobody cares for him.

We do not call upon Giral, we do not back Negrin,
Though many shout “Kick Franco out!” we still keep Franco in;
He loudly cheers each time he hears the British B.B.C. —
“I care for nobody, no, not I, but somebody cares for me.”

—Reprinted from “New Statesman and Nation.”
—SAGITTARIUS.
The Caution Press must be developing quite an exotic garden. Its books, sown in the rich soil of modern printing, by growth and care, will grow, make a pretty array. Now the Caution has produced a primrose: Dennis Glover’s “Summer Flowers.”

In eight light, easy poems “Summer Flowers” examines what it means to love, a love that came, and went, and appears as easily and as lightly as the poems themselves, with the caution James Joyce could not do as well in “Chamber Music.” Glover’s superior achievement in this kind of verse is because he is a more developed human than Joyce was. By letting all his parts be equally expressive Glover does not exorcize his own particular part—at the brain, or just as bad, at the emotions.

Yet, we are still in the generations numerous and various of the Renaissance after, no matter how much they are now being diffused in popular folk culture. In this light

Dear Sir,—In an article debunking philosophical idealism as offering no solution to the spontaneous and independent movements of the masses of the people against capitalist exploitation, not only within the more technologically developed western democracies, but also in the colonies and dependant countries, such as Indonesia and Greece. This I called “the significant movement of our time,” and I believe that the language I used made it quite clear that I was referring to this struggle of the exploited may only against the exploiting minority. However I have been so grossly misinterpreted in the content of “Salvo” by someone who signed himself “Pro Homo Paroleo, or Panem et circern.” I was attempting to refute these statements in his letter with all the force I can.

There is just as much nonsense as the essay I was criticizing. It is more dangerous nonsense, and I know quite well the further consequences that arise from deliberate one. The writer stated that the existence is the problem of the social agential revolution, and then proceeded to brazen aloud his support of this move-ment, if indeed anything so hollow and supposititious be possible. I am sure that it well that he did not sign his name for he has branded himself as an ass.

When I clearly refer to a struggle of the masses against the forces of reaction, by what process can he deduce that I am supporting the managerial revolution? How can this theory relate to the future of oppressed peoples other than as a guarantee of the tragedy of their existence? The plain fact is that the theory of the managerial revolution lacks any social dynamic precisely because it refuses to recognize the developing power and the governing one of the face of a movement which proceeds with the inevitable logic of history, it is a feeble attempt to justify the decadent status quo. The only real support it is an hysterical clutching at straws.

In order to remove any misapprehen-sions, I would point out to future “laid” that he cannot stand firmly alongside me, because between us there is an endless, complex, and fundamental conception of the future of society. It is also rather amusing that in his ambition to make the patroniac boxx—The Caution Press, 1956.

Richard WAGNER....
**ROWERS PROMISE WELL AFTER RIGOROUS TRAINING**

It's all very well for effete athletes, tennis players, and members of the Executive to stroll down to the wharf and sight-g gene aboard the "Wiltshire" at about 8.14 a.m. But do they give a thought to the Rowing Club, which has been up since well before the crack of dawn packing up the boat, trundling it along the wharf, and loading it with its own fair hands? Naturally the boat has to be looked after like an orphan child, and the rowers aren't done when he steps ashore. However, the crew, which this year looks almost indescribably large and vigorous, thinks it can manage without the ceaseless offers of help from other competitors, and even the haka party, which are pouring in to the "engine room" of the boat. He has a long reach and a steady stroke, and will acquit himself well.

At No. 5, in the same position as last year, is Club Captain Bill Owen. An experienced rower, and one who knows something about the theory of rowing. Bill has figured in the Star youth's four at several regattas.

A powerful oar at No. 4 is wielded by Mark Pownall. A very hard-working man, with rows for clubs in Auckland, although this is his first year with the Victoria College club. He is Bob Connal, a young novice who shows a good deal of promise. He has all the makings, and future crews should see something of him.

Stan Gill is at No. 2. He has raced for many seasons past as a member of a highly successful Petone weight-weight crew. He is in a splendid oarsman, with loads of experience, and a valuable asset to any crew.

The responsible position of bow is filled by Graham Horwood. Although a novice, he has raced in several Star crews, and should carry out his exciting duties well.

Cox, on whom depends so very much, will be Geoff Ward. There appears to be some confusion, at the moment about the time of the race, which will take place at Ver- nor's Bay, 1 hr by road from the club.

Canterbury, against the wishes of the other crews, desires to be rowed in the early morning. On top of that, the visiting crews apparently have to row 3½ miles to the starting point. It is hoped that this will not obtain, as it will be absurd to carry the only fresh crew—and at that time of morning, too.

Well, there's the rowing story, Mr. Editor. But you can be sure that whether we win or whether we don't, good time will be had by all.—D.H.

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**Can We Win The Haslam Shield?**

The VUCDC has been revived very successfully by the concentrated efforts of H. M. Savage and D. V. Henderson, has, after a series of elimination shots, chosen the following to represent VUC at Easter—

Asson, Bradstock, Gatley, Henderson, Howarth, McKenzie, Scoones, however, are the selected to face a fair proportion of experienced men and some men who will be competing in their first year. Rifle shooting is a virtually unpredictable sport as regards future performances as any enthusiast will tell you, but in McKenzie we have a service rifleman of outstanding ability; and the 2nd NZSEP team in Middle East. The team as such, and McKenzie in particular, slot brilliantly and in fact were never beaten. Scoones has an outstanding record dating from college days and is capable of an excellent performance. Howarth, represented VUC in 1933 and has shot during the war for various RNZAF teams with some success. Asson and Henderson are riflemen of above-average calibre, but lack the range and competition experience of the other members. However, their performances during practices indicate that they as a team are capable of winning the Haslam Shield.

Cox's chances are, we understand, slim, and those of AUC are not likely to unduly worry our side. In CUC, however, we have a member who has been practising every morning, and it is from this source that we anticipate our most serious opposition.

Whatever the outcome of the match the VUC team will do credit to the high standard it has previously shown at Haslam, and the team is very confident of success.

The only regret the team has is that the President, R. H. Johnson, is not able to travel as he is this year. Roy, in the writer's opinion, is the best shot produced by VUC in the last ten years. The President in 1933 will not doubt recall his mistake of being denied an NZU Blue owing to keeper's error (that's putting it very mildly). Was able to compete this year, has this year predicted one NZU Blue for VUC.

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**Photographic Club**

At the AGM of the Photographic Club, which was held on April 4, a good start for the year was made, nearly thirty members being present. Club officers for 1946 were elected as follows:

President: Prof. I. Gordon.
Chairman: W. N. B. Martin.
Secretary-Treas.: D. R. McQueen.
Committee: K. Chui, C. R. Ellis, K. Popple, W. Te Whitto.

The meeting was addressed by Geoff Perry, one of Wellington's leading portrait photographers. His talks on Photography, illustrated by many of his photographs, was enjoyed by all and the Club decided to have for a Club visit to his studio, probably early June, when he will demonstrate his make-up and camera techniques. Watch the notice boards for further details.

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Meeting of VUC Ex-servicemen

About fifty ex-servicemen gathered in the Gym, on Monday evening to adopt a resolution of the “VUC Ex-servicemen’s Society” as drawn up by the Resolution Committee, to elect a permanent committee, and to discuss the future activities of the Society.

A most efficient piece of work by Secretary Dowrick was responsible for all present having a copy of the Society’s constitution to read and digest. After this fine piece of legal drafting had been formally adopted the following committee was elected for the year:

Chairman: Mr. Higgin
Secretary: Mr. Dowrick
Committee: Messrs. Taylor, Falconer, Murray, Collins, Simmonds and Miss Meyer.

Mr. Higgin then gave a brief resume of matters in which the interim committee had considered the Society might take an interest. These were as follows: (1) Accommodation, including the question of transit housing for students. (2) February Exams. (3) Servicemen’s concessions from the Accountants’ Society. (4) Representation to the Law Society concerning the employment of women in law offices at low rates of pay while law clerks roam the streets. (5) A more helpful attitude on the part of some of the Rehabilitation District Office employees. (6) Extension of Rehab, Bursaries. (7) Psychological advice for ex-servicemen with personal problems. (8) An approach to College Council with a request for a more enlightened approach to the question of alcohol on College premises. (9) The tobacco situation as far as Rehab. men are concerned. (10) The question of social functions.

A speaker from the floor suggested that an attempt should be made to raise the book grant to £10.

Finally, after some discussion, the following motion was passed with one dissentient: “While declaring that the Society is in favour of the principle of preference for ex-servicemen in all employment and appointments in the College, we affirm that there should be no discrimination against persons who refused military service on conscientious grounds.”

Socialist Club Shows Documentary

The first meeting of the newly-formed Socialist Club, which was held last Monday week, was attended by about seventy students. The main business of the meeting was the ratification of the constitution and the election of officers. The constitution was passed without undue argument and the following committee was elected:

Patron: Professor Lipson
President: George Blyth.
Secretary: Mrs. Ethel Bright
Treasurer: Hylton Burg
Committee: Jackie Patrick, Frank Coleman, Alec McLeod.

The election was followed by a film, “Men of Rochdale,” borrowed from the Labour Party. This documentary was a reproduction of the Co-operative Movement from its struggling beginnings in England in 19th century Lancashire to the forties of last century. In a short fifty minutes those present saw and heard an informative and inspiring story of the fight of English men and women to form among themselves some sort of defence against the forces of poverty and exploitation. It was made quite clear that these workers ‘did not envisage the co-operative movement as an end in itself, but regarded it only as a step forward on the way to socialism. It is in terms of this conviction that, in the concluding section of the film, they judge the book by contemporary England and state, “Our work is not yet done.”

Mr. Bolfrey” Goes to Town

The success of Mr. Bolfrey at Varsity inspired the Exec. to finance the production of the play in the Concert Chamber for two nights. In spite of the short notice and the resulting clash with “Our Glad,” the hall was nearly filled both nights with appreciative audiences.

There were some unfortunate incidents. The puce on the first night was slackened by the failure of the explosion, and the curtain after the cast had frozen for what seemed like an eternity waiting for the curtain to fall. But the performance deserved a much better audience.

Mr. Bolfrey had every possible advantage on his side. The stunts were good and the acting to match. But the bad points were the absence of a proper entrance and exit to the stage. When the audience was invited to see the play again, Mr. Bolfrey said: “All right, we’ll try again tomorrow!”

Little hope is entertained of there being an official and separate VUC Haka Party sent to Tournament this year. The reasons given by Tournament delegates for this unfortunate situation are: firstly, that the billowing facilities in Christchurch are ever, cannot withstand the strain of non-competing representatives; secondly, that there are not sufficient berths available to carry a Haka Party to Christchurch.

However, the team-honoured hakas will not be lacking on the playing fields this Easter. Interested reps. of other teams will practise up their hakas and present them at Canterbury.

The whole question of the status of official Haka Parties will be discussed at NZUCF Conference.

SCM May Camp

At the Camp to be held at Plimmerton from May 22 to 26, the following subjects will be discussed:

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SIR,—We claim our right to reply to the criticisms in the letter of "Sallent," and submit the following statement.

A. MR. COHEN'S STATEMENT.
1. Mr. Cohen states that he was not instructed to reply on certain lines. On the contrary, the opposite appeared in print, and no more other Executive members than he had been instructed to apologise for the Executive's behalf.
2. Mr. Cohen regards the truth as a "trivial matter." We do not. Nor do we regard the deliberate flouting of the Executive's expressed wish.
3. Mr. Poole instructed the permanent Secretary, Miss Paterson, to notify members of the meeting. Mr. Cohen omits to state that Miss Paterson made numerous attempts to locate Mr. Cohen on the Friday, and that he was no fault of Mr. Poole's that he could not be notified before Monday.

B. "Disrupting the activities of the Association." If we were doing this at the busy time of the year we should not be re-elected. But this is not the case. Every signatory is carrying on the duties he has undertaken as actively as he has in the past. The Executive has continued to work mid-week or 1 a.m., and all day Sundays, and the Executive Officers will be no less enthusiastic than they were. Misses Cohen, Taylor and McAuley are still going to the NSWBA Conference at Chirchbank.

We resigned to protect our personal honour, because we will not be officially associated with a person who published a deliberate lie in the name of the Association, but neither will we allow our resignations to interfere with our other duties to the Association.

II. THE COMMENTARY.
Once again "Sallent" has misreported a person with whose views they disagree. Mr. Ting was not in favour of withdrawing the motion.

C. THE EDITORIAL.
1. Three members who voted for the motion were co-opted, but students insist that every member of the Association on the Executive received a vote except the President.
2. The Editorial states that the letter should have been ignored. In our opinion the honour of appointment as a Life-Member of the Association carries with it the duty of criticising the present messengers although not much weight will be given to remarks expressed as extravagantly as those of Mr. de la Mare. It was better that we carry on our correspondence till Monday than that we should lie to dispose of it.
3. The Editor calls a deliberate lie, the flouting of the Executive wishes, and the slur on the reputation of an Executive a "minor error." We do not.

4. We have not "disrupted" the student body a week before "Tournament." Everything is going just as it did except that there has been an extra issue of "Sallent." The "Extravaganza," Controller, Mr. Colley, might however, explain why the Extravaganzas will have been crowded into the totally inadequate time of a fortnight.

5. J. Poole, Secretary; G. McA.

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Crisis in the College

Dear Sir,—As returned servicemen, we wish to place on record our opinion of the present "crisis" in the affairs of the Executive.

To us the whole issue appears quite childish. There is no doubt that an error was made by Mr. Cohen, but it seems to us that the circumstances were worth nothing more than a vote of censure.

At the busiest time of the year we found ourselves too busy in meeting the problems and commitments of Tournament, Extravaganza, etc. As Secretary, Mr. Poole must have realised that his motion would mean the dissolution of the Executive, and we deplore his action accordingly as irresponsible and illustrating a failure to understand his obligations to the Students' Association.

Stupid or insincere? Are the instigators of the move, which has earned this College the worst possible type of publicity with the general public (at a time when we wished to allure on us money) stupid or insincere? It is apparent that they must be one or the other. Mr. Poole was guilty of point out that an election at this time must necessarily have the repercussions which can be foreseen but which cannot be curbed.

If the prime movers in this are sincere then they must be very short-sighted. You have only to view the results for yourselves.

If they are not stupid then it follows they must be insincere for the same reason as above.

In giving sincerity we must also assume stupidity, and it is up to you to judge whether such uncoenting representatives on the Executive of the Association.

If, however, they are not stupid, then this is not the main issue at stake and this could mean that, properly and since in print, it is, prove them insincere, which is unjustifiable. We cannot make an issue for this colossal upset. If personal pettiness, then a deplorable lack of responsible attitude to the position which they hold is indicated. The ruse, completely unfounded, which is emanating (I am assured of this) from these people seem to indicate that this is the case. Some of these ruse, for whom sources are quoted, are extremely laughable and completely unworthy of consideration; the rest simply ridiculous. There appears to us to be a reason and that is that a group is attempting to play power politics and it does not seem necessary to comment on that issue. The stake at issue not whether the President's action was right or wrong; he has said himself that he realises that it was wrong—the point for you consider is whether representatives who are capable of running student affairs without petty jealousies and consequent bickering, or not.

PRO BONO DISCIPLINUM.

Dear Sir,—I should like to support Mr. Poole and Mr. Cohen's statements together with a concise report should help to combat the mushroom growth of malicious ruse that are being circulated through the College.

While a certain amount of emotional appreciation could be worked up for George Washington sub-staff, I feel sure that any appreciation must stop there. If we are to take seriously the interests of the College, the editor of the paper is capable of represen- the students on the Executive immediately prior to student activities at Chirchbank for Tournament and for Jervois Quay public in the Wellington public. It is hardly likely that the public will regard apparent irreverence imbecility with a large donation to build a Students' Hall.

A motion of censure was in order but, if voting to appeal to them since, the motion cannot be defeated, is indicative of either insensitivity or of questionable intent indefinable. It is necessary for the censure action censure such an outstanding lack of appreciation of the effect of such action.

To adopt Mr. Poole's philosophy—'Dave confessed his "win," BUT WHO is he to deny me mine?'

Marie Marshall.—
(Further Correspondence on page 13)
Dear Sir,—The explanation given by Mr. de la Mare in the tardy publication of the letter from F. A. de la Mare which appeared in your issue of April 3rd can be allowed to pass unchallenged.

These are the facts of the case. Mr. de la Mare’s letter, written to “Sallent” and dated May 14, was referred to the Executive and was considered at a meeting on July 16, when Mr. Cohen was in the chair. It was agreed to publish the letter, together with a reply from the Executive, and Mr. Cohen was instructed to carry out this decision.

Unfortunately the matter was overlooked and the letter was neither published nor acknowledged. In March of this year Mr. de la Mare sought to discover what action was being taken and wrote to the Executive, Professorial Board and Council. My first knowledge of the letter came when it was discussed at the March meeting of the Council, and I immediately took steps to see that the Executive was aware of the situation.

I am at a loss to explain why Mr. Cohen should cause this obvious falsehood to be published under his name, and I strongly resent the statement that the failure to publish Mr. de la Mare’s letter was the fault of the 1944-1945 Executive, of which I was Secretary. —Yours.

IAN McDOWALL
Council Representative.

Exec. Report

The following motion was passed unanimously at the last Executive Meeting:—“That the Executive declares a motion of censure on the President for his Inadequate reply in ‘Sallent’ on the de la Mare letter and that Nesara Taylor, Danieli and Campbell be empowered to frame a reply to ‘Sallent’.”

While this Executive expresses regret to Mr. de la Mare for the lack of acknowledgement of his letter, and accepts the principle that any member of the Association is entitled to criticise the work and methods of the Association, the Executive feel that the statements made by Mr. de la Mare are not fully justified. While there were portions of the last “Cappadocia” which in the opinion of the Executive overstepped the bounds of decency, the Executive accepts full responsibility for their publication, but also state that they cannot in the bustle and bustle of an Extravaganza organisation, check every detail as individuals. Steps have however been taken that in future publications a censorship committee will sit on all matter of publication and in this way it is hoped that such an occurrence as last year will not happen again.

The Executive cannot agree with Mr. de la Mare’s statement of students indulging in drunken orgies, and would point out that Mr. de la Mare that members of the professorial Board have attended functions of the Students at the invitation of Sir Thomas Hunter and the Student’s Association and up to date have had no complaint on the conduct of students at social activities. The Stud. Ass. welcomes the attendance of any member of the staff and have long held the wish that Professors and Lecturers attend the social functions of the College in order to meet students away from the lecture-room atmosphere.

Dear Sir,—A great deal has been and will be talked about principles. I take it that the first principle which should guide an Executive member is his duty to the Association. I conceive it to be the duty of every Executive Member to do his utmost to prevent inevitable personal differences or individual small mistakes from disrupting the activities of the Association. That is the real principle of conduct by which an Executive Member should be judged.

In this light Mr. Poole’s reluctance to serve on the Executive as a matter of principle becomes a matter of pure personal pride, especially when we consider the work which faces the Executive at this period. In any event, he would only be called upon to serve for two months more.

At the meeting several suggestions were made to Mr. Poole, particularly by myself which, if adopted, in my way have to have the President’s error, would have corrected it by publication in next “Sallent” and at the same time permitted the Executive to remain in office. Mr. Poole and those who followed him declined to accept this alternative.

The only conclusion, therefore, that I can come to is that these people placed foremost their own personal standards rather than the affairs of the 1946 old students they represent. That in that event, reluctance as I am to suggest it, and conscious of useful work done for the Association by Mr. Poole and those who supported him, the obvious inference is that these people are no longer worthy of your support.

—Nigel Taylor.

Dear Sir,—Mr. Taylor in his letter in this issue enunciates two guiding principles for Executive members. The first is that duty to the Association should be foremost in their minds; and secondly, petty and personal differences should not be allowed to disrupt the Association’s activities. However, I fail to appreciate how Mr. Taylor’s reasoning leads him to the conclusion that I fail to measure up to these standards and merely stand on my pride.

If Mr. Taylor will peruse the Executive’s minutes of July 10, 1945, and March 31, 1946, he will note two Resolutions of the Executive in respect of the F. A. de la Mare letter in which Mr. Cohen was detailed by the Executive to publish the letter and give our defence. Did not Mr. Cohen owe a “duty” to the Association, which through its elected Executive resolved that the letter be published, to put into effect the Executive’s decision? Does not the Executive as the controller of the Association’s policy and protector of student interests, individually and collectively, feel in duty bound to speak the truth at all times? Is it not the duty of the Executive members to follow the directions of the Executive and not to substitute what that member thinks best?

Mr. Taylor alleges that I stood on my pride when I chose to put this motion of so-confidence at a time when the Executive has its hands full. Everyone will realise that this election would not be taking place had Mr. Cohen accepted the majority decision and resigned. Did not Mr. Cohen stand on his pride, Mr. Taylor?

No, no, Mr. Taylor, your red herrings will not blind students to the real issues behind our resignations; we are still at our posts Tournament, the Extravaganza and the usual routine are unaffected by the consequences of Mr. Cohen falling to resign.

M. J. Poole,
Secretary.

(Both these last two letters have been slightly abridged. —Ed.)
VETERAN TARARUA TRAMPER SHOWS SLIDES OF EARLY DAYS


The question of purchase of a club truck was raised, but it was decided that such a step was beyond the means of the club. M. McLaughlin explained that the truck hired fortnightly was allocated by the Commission and the committee at arranged dates to various Wellington tramping clubs.

Mr. Stubble, Vice-President of the Tararua Tramping Club and a trapper with 22 years' experience, showed some slides relating to the meeting with many intriguing details of local tramping history. It was fortunate, Mr. Stubble claimed, having ready access to moderate cost to some of the best tramping country in New Zealand. Tramping in this area dated back officially to 1919, before which it was largely an eccentric enough to take to the hills was regarded as very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very, very,very