"Gross Criminal Negligence" — or Merely a Legal Quibble?

Out of all the hot-air, side-tracking, wise-cracking, eruption and disruption of the Annual General Meeting in its two sessions, some interesting facts emerge. The most important is that the work of the incoming Executive has been delayed for a week, at a time when the preliminary organization of VLC's first term of Territorial importance. This delay is an unnecessary burden on an overworked committee. It was found at the second sitting of the AGM that the lawyers of the Association had very effectively led the rest of us up the garden path of the meet. That a few members with more common sense than rhetoric were justified when they called the question of non-registration of a legal quibble; it will be found that of Accounts for next year that this quibble cost the Association a fairly healthy lawyer's fee. What is perhaps even more significant is the possibility that the few original members in the works knew the situation in time to have the matter rectified before the meeting, as everyone interested in the welfare of the Association would have done.

On nearly all other matters considered by the AGM, much more sanity was displayed, and in some cases even a reasonable amount of speed. The difficulties which face the Treasurer should now be obvious to everyone (since "Truth" has a far larger circulation than "Salient"), and this year's events will, we hope, result in a far more satisfactory situation in the future, whatever scheme is adopted.

Some Motions Passed

The writing up of the new constitution in the forms in which it is being reconsidered is considerable reduction. Some adherents of Oxford policy of awarding blues only to those sports demanding display of "manly physical endeavour" denounced at the proposal to allow an award to the rowing cox, but the majority accepted it readily enough.

The McArthur Bill, with which nobody seemed disposed to argue, appears to be a constitutional amendment to ensure that the constitution is adhered to, in cases where the executive fails in its duty to call a by-election to fill vacancies caused by resignations. An unnecessary but harmless precaution.

On the subject of the new building, unanimous decision to press for the appointment of Mr. Plesske as architect may lead to an impasse at present, but it will help to ensure that when we do have a building it will be designed by a man who is not New Zealand's best, but is an architect of world reputation. The executive cannot agree to any other appointment without reference to a general meeting. Mr. O'Brien hoped to solve the vexed problem of allocation of the Gymn for Friday evenings. In doing so he raised several other problems, mainly meanings of the words prestige, record and seniority, which will probably be just as difficult.

NEW EXEC. MEETS

The new executive held its first meeting on Tuesday, July 8. Although minutes of the meeting have been placed on the notice board as usual, we feel that some of the decisions are of unusual interest. For the benefit of those students who are both blind and deaf, we publish here the minutes of the new executive:

President: Harold Dowrick.
Women's Vice-President: Hilary Wilton.
Men's Vice-President: Alec McLeod.
Secretary: Kevin O'Brien.
Treasurer: No nomination.

Women's Committee: Nell Casey, Marie Irwin, Marget McKelvie.
Men's Committee: Jim Battersby, Dentz Brown, Peter Morris.

Until the report of the special financial committee is received, the books of the Association will be kept by Nell Casey, who has been treasurer for the past three months. For the same reason, no co-optation has been made to fill the position of Assistant Treasurer. The reception of the Assistant Secretary has been held over until the next meeting.

Other appointments:

Caf. Controller: Jean Priest.
Gymn. Controller: Jim Battersby.
Men's Common Room Committee (convener): Dentz Brown.
Women's Common Room Committee (convener): Alison Pierce.

Records Officer: Harry Sennett.
Corresponding Members: NZUSA: Harold Dowrick.
ISS Representative: Jim Battersby.

For appointments to Publications and Blues Committees, and of Club Liaison Officers, consult the minutes of the meeting if you are interested.

no appointments were made to the building Committee, pending the drawing up of a plan for a proposed reconstitution of the committee along different lines.

Tournament Appointments: (some of these were made at meetings of the previous executive):

Tourism Committee (convener): Harold Dowrick.
Tourism Delegates: Frank O'Flynn (Senior), Jim Battersby (Junior).
NZUSA Delegates: Harold Dowrick, Nigel Taylor, Alec McLeod.
Billing Committee (convener): Mike Murray.

Information Bureau: Alec McLeod.
Transport Controller: Athol Howarth (subject to his acceptance).

Publicity and Programmes will be handled by a committee of three: Stan Campbell, Harold Dowrick and Toby Bundell.

Student Welfare

Investigations are being made to find out how arrangements for student concessions for celebrity concerts can be centralized and given more publicity. Letters have been sent to the College Council recommending that lights be installed along the path beside the tennis courts, until the City Engineer requesting that attention be given to the Mount Street path.

*MISTLETOE AND LAURELS

In ye old tradition Sir Thomas presented Blago to those enthusiasts who came for them at Winter Sports Ball on Saturday, July 5. The "Top-Lobbers" provided more or less consistent music at the command of the ceremonial Master, James Hartley. The blonde saxophonist in pink satin kept more than a few boys fair, we suspect.

PLONKET MUDAL

The audience for this year's Plonkett Medal Oratory was small. It was a variation in tempo and modulation, and by vivid descriptions of the cruel events in Middle East.

Mr. Mudal spent time explaining why he had chosen Rabindranath Tagore as his subject. He said his Indian poet to be a stranger to the West audience. He tried to establish Tagore as a godlike being, but failed by trying to keep an emotional effect with clichés.

With greater execution, Mr. Mune outlined the catalogue of many virtues, all of which were possessed in large measure by his subject, Captain Orcel. To an intelligent audience, the qualifications of officers and gentlemen are no criterion of moral greatness.

Mao Tse Tung is an excellent subject for oratory, so is Thomas More, but Mr. Mudal and Mr. Dowrick failed to exploit fully the potentialities of either themselves or their subjects. Mr. Smith covered too much ground, and Mr. Dowrick chose the aspects of Man's life with which he was least familiar.

Mr. Dowrick managed to speak for twelve minutes without varying the pitch, speed or inflexion of his voice. No sound, no matter how prearranged, can stand up to this treatment. We urge any amateur or professional to participate in the next contest. The judges were Mrs. Z. Mountjoy, Rev. Martin Sullivan and Dr. Martin Rofe. The latter was a new departure with their judgment. It was the first time that any Plonkett Medal has been awarded.
CENSURE—NO SINECURE

It is usual at Annual General Meetings of the Students Association for two motions to be included among the general business. One, that clay pipes and chewing tobacco be provided for the Women’s Common Room, has been passed every year from 1935 till 1946. This year it was defeated. The other, a vote of censure on the editor of “Salient,” has been lost every year until 1947, when it was passed, with the tag, “with permission to print a funny page.” I propose to deal with the tag first. I have already considered the proposal and, owing to the obvious shortcomings of my intellect, have only been able to think of one suitable feature, namely, a photograph of Mr. O’Flynn making a speech. However, I have rejected this as not being in accordance with the policy of the paper, which is aimed at comment rather than reporting.

I consider that the motion was moved with much more serious intention than was accorded to it at the meeting. The charge against me is that of not publishing debating reports. I should like to reply at the time, but felt that as I was sitting on the stage in the capacity of Men’s Vice-president, I was in no position to reply to criticism of the editor of “Salient,” which position is held on a mandate from the Executive and is in no way subject to the whims of the Body, as the only direction the Executive can issue to the editor is that he resign.

I thought that I had already given my reasons for not publishing debating reports in my reply to Mr. O’Flynn’s letter in the last issue. Summarized, they are:—

1. It is against the policy of the paper, as laid down by the founders of the paper, a policy with which I fully agree.
2. Debating reports in the past have been either dull, or so biased and misleading as to be unfair to the speakers. I should know, I have written dozens of them.
3. The restriction in size and in the number of issues per year of the paper make it necessary to exclude some features which some students might like to see.

In view of the attitude of the general meeting, I am prepared to modify my attitude to some extent. If the Debating Society, at its next meeting, passes a resolution desiring that its functions should be reported, and if the society can provide a reporter to write entertaining and informative reports of its functions, I would be prepared to publish them. This does not apply to Plunket Medal, for which a critical review has been prepared.

It may interest readers to know that recently two aspects of the policy of this paper have come into conflict. All contributed articles are published, provided they are reasonably well written, and fall within the limits of obscenity and libel; a large number of these have been reports of club functions, but as they are contributed articles, most of them have been published. Writers of such articles are asked to keep them as short as possible. In future, letters to the editor may be refused publication if they exceed the limit of 300 words. I am pleased that the policy of printing controversial articles has resulted in an abnormally large number of letters, but these often crowd out other material, and tend to lose the interest of the readers when they are not submitted until too late for the issue following the one containing the original article. — A. Mc.

An Agony Column

Dear Sir,—For a long time you and I have known that there are present at your College, students who are thwarted in love or who have some secret and personal heart trouble. It is on behalf of these students, who probably are so financially embarrassed (what’s the bet he/ she cost ten shillings last night) that they cannot buy a two-penny stamp to post us their problem, that we are writing to you.

We have been informed that it is your intention to commence a “Funny Page” which we wish to be allotted space in this page to reply to such problems. Hoping you will grant our small request. We remain, Yours most sincerely, GEORGE ANDTHREE and LOU HEARTBREAK.

P.S.—Students are requested to bring such problems to the “Salient” Room addressed to G.A. and L.H. N.B.—Accountants’ and bookmakers’ problems definitely not answered.
A clothes drive for Yugoslavia is being conducted this term by the Socialist Club. Gwenda Martin and several assistants are knitting old wool into warm jerseys, and while the work is progressing well, more wool and more assistants could be used.

The main feature of the drive is a Film and Concert evening in the Gym, on Friday, July 15. Two films will be shown, one of which is "The Bridge," a now-famous documentary of partisan activity during the occupation. Admission will be a bundle of clothes for Yugoslavia. Those unable to attend may leave parcels in "Salient" Room, addressed "Yugoslavia." The clothes collected will be sent direct to a Yugoslav ship which is calling at Wellington in about two months' time.

The campaign is sponsored by the local WFDY committee, which consists of representatives of all Wellington organizations which are affiliated to UNICO, of which VUCSA is one. Other WFDY news items appear below.

UNESCO will participate in the World Youth Festival, according to a letter received from Dr. Julian Huxley. Exhibits are being sent to Prague dealing with UNESCO itself and with its work on national and scientific reconstruction; an information desk with literature on UNESCO's tasks will be set up and two lecturers will go to the Festival to speak on specific aspects of UNESCO's work.

During the Festival special services will be held in four of the ancient churches of Prague. Communal services and masses will be held for Festival participants of different religious denominations.

International Youth Participation

Among American organizations taking part in the Festival are the Southern Negro Youth Congress, the American Association for UNO, the Jewish Education Committee, and the United Christian Youth.

Ten young Australians, the advance-guard of the Australian delegation to the Festival, have arrived in London. They will do reconstruction work in Yugoslavia before proceeding to Prague.

During their first week in Britain they took part in a youth mass demonstration against the execution of two young Republicans in Franco-Spain.

Nine young miners, one from each coal field in Britain, will attend the Festival. They will be selected by the National Union of Mineworkers, and their expenses will be paid by the National Coal Board.

Pandit Nehru, the President of the Indian National Assembly, and Sir Lawrence Olivier have sent greetings to the International Festival Committee.

Thirty delegates will represent the Union of Spanish Republican Students at the Festival. They will present Spanish folk dances and songs as well as their plays, including "Guard Cidolado," by V. Cervantes.

A young English actor, Robert Donat, ballet dancer Robert Helpmann and film producer Basil Wright are among the British Festival Committee.

Paul Robeson cables to Prague: "We must build a new world of unity and co-operation or perish. This is a preeminently task of youth. Therefore, subscribe W.F.D.Y., and heartily support Festival program."

Czech Youth Rebuilds Plundered Mining Areas

On the north-west frontier of Bohemia, standing like a guardian against the outside world, runs a range of fog-covered mountains. On the eastern slopes, looking towards the centre, lies the Bohemian mining district—the black country—which provides brown coal for Czech industry. Like the mountains which divide it from Germany, the whole country-side is grim and bleak, covered with smoke and yellowish fog. Beside it you will find a sunny, wavy plain with small hills shaped like volcanoes—the cheerful, pleasant district of fruit trees and hops.

Not only in outward appearances but in the whole pattern of life there has always existed a great difference between the two districts. Living conditions of the brown-coal miners have always been bad—partly because of the general situation in mining industry and partly because the mines were mainly owned by Germans.

The liberation brought at least partial redress to the miners, great changes began, mines were nationalised and the social and living conditions of the miners were improved. But not everything could be done at once and it takes time to improve the housing situation, which is acute in the whole of Czechoslovakia. This was the main reason which made the Czech youth choose this particular section of the Two Year Plan for their own efforts. They decided that they would build 2,000 housing units—each unit is a three-roomed flat with kitchen, bath, etc.—for the miners of the Most.

Disregarding all difficulties and obstacles, the young people set to work while the hard-frozen ground was still covered with several feet of snow. The first thawing saw them testing the ground to see whether it was soft enough for foundation-digging. A group of technicians and experienced youth leaders is in charge of the camp.

Education and Recreation

Although the main purpose of the camp is work, amiable provision is being made for entertainment, study and recreation. The young people themselves organise lectures and socials, they have their own choir and recreation groups. They sing and play by day, but at the same time they create the songs and poetry of the Brigade.

Great care is also being devoted to education. Members of the Brigade group are writing stories inspired by the life of the area, and in the transformation of the whole countryside, a transformation which the young people consider to be the real Black Country into a conscious working class.
Dear Sir,—I was started to learn from your recent issue that the Philosophy Department of the University should be abolished, and not less surprised to learn that Mr. R. Sutton-Smith urges its death. From "Salient," Volume 16, Number 9, I was interested to see that one wanted to help "educate" a Philosophical Society that the University one should get in touch with Mr. J. Witten-Hannah for "salient," Volume 16, Number 9, I was dismayed to learn that Mr. J. Witten-Hannah seems to be throwing his philosophy teachers out of work.

What actually more likely to do a job if the Philosophy Departments of the Universities are abolished? Some may feel a "cultural Church" one of my fellow students entered a number ten years ago, some more academic students have already found quiet berths in the Civil Service. But should philosophy be denied the ambition of one day enjoying the dignity of a meal at the University, autonomy, and academic freedom?

There are thousands of jobs for each scientist, and it is unknown one of them to suggest "no jobs for philosophy" or "philosophy is not necessary for scientists. He points to the examples of Whitehead and Russell, but I think that even in their work on the fundamental ideas of scientific understanding and scientific activities, there must have been genuine philosophical tasks. Consider the work of some great post-empirical philosophers, and leaving philosophy to natural scientists in the strict sense, and philosophers (and, I suppose, businessmen and politicians), is unfortunately the way open to the philosophy scientists to be "Skeptic," the best known figures, like Sir James Jeans and Sir Arthur Koestler, have been more like Field-Marshall Smuts, than to produce real philosophers.

Professors of Philosophy (including Whitehead, Russell and Onggo y Gesell) have been more successful than philosophers as Mr. Sutton-Smith (evocation) asserts. It is entirely possible that the results would be just as good as he suggests. But are we really to believe that if the philosophy department is abolished, the outlook of students will be better, (proposition 1) and the social sciences will be more closely related to contemporary philosophy—better vehicles of content, directed to the solution of pressing contemporary problems (proposition 2)? The most serious charge leveled by Mr. Sutton-Smith is that philosophy has never been a "sane" science. It is true that its methods have been vitiated by the logical synax of language, and ignoring, for the sake of an epigram, the negativist philosophy of Whitehead. Since he is so interested in the social problems, I suggest that he refer to Mr. Sutton-Smith in Sommerville's great book "The Meaning of Science." Sommerville describes a very vague scientific method and philosophy has not been restricted to logical analysis, in a country whose economy, philosophy has not been abolished—J. WITTEN-HANNAH.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Shakespeare
"The Taming of the Shrew"
Rolling Comedy
Uproarious Farce
presented by
"The Thespians (Inc.)"
CONCERT CHAMBER
28th July to 2nd August

Dear Sir,—The original caption of my article was: "The Philosophy of Behaviorism"! I have no wish to protest against the change which has been made, but would wish to point out that my heading had a somewhat more moderate tone. This question of the abolition of the Philosophy Department was, after all, merely a rhetorical red herring serving by contrast, to highlight the urgent necessity for the philosophical development of the other disciplines. It is to be hoped that this particular purely arbitrary word will be struck from a host of rhetorical from the pseudo-philosophical, or perhaps treated to some substantial opinions concerning the prepositional "philosophy".

Abandon Hope...
Mr. Sutton-Smith's selection of subjects for abolition seems to be made from psychology to economics, but so many subjects have been abandoned that perhaps we could abandon economics as well. And why not history? Consider the great world where there will come to be no integration. True philosophy will incorporate history. We cannot be too much concerned with their details as with their fundamental bases, and the practical task of the historian may be to study the social processes and the structure of the world and its contemporary problems.

A. A. COLLIN

Dear Sir,—The University is the only institution in the community, which provides for intensive study in any particular field. The study of which is to be made available, it means that the teaching of Mr. Sutton-Smith should mean lengthening all degree courses, which would be undesirable, and it is a degree course expensive enough already? If the courses were not lengthened the development of culture at the expense of modern philosophy is not an easy matter and historically appears to be the most suitable for the preservation of one person, not a group of people? It is a matter for people with the requisite knowledge, the time and the inclination. Although our de...

SALIENT
Dear Sir,—The main feature of your issue of June 11 was about the radio serial "The Taming of the Shrew," the author and the actors. This article calls for some comment.

The fact that Professor Ford and Whittaker approved of the serial proves only that they approved of it. They are entitled to be "prophets" and must know that other Prophets do not prophesy in the way of things that are not things. In "How Things Began." The use of these names, therefore, amounts to a very lengthy problem which is not to be ashamed.

One good point of this article is that it quoted the "Listener's" summary of the serial: and that summary shows that Evolution is not used in the serial as a theory or a hypothesis, but as a mere surprise. The "Listener's" description of the serial is very a very little story of the theory to the dignity of a dogma. The serial is not the serial as a mere surprise. The "Listener's" description of the serial is very a very little story of the theory to the dignity of a dogma. The serial is not new, it is not new. It is different in that kind. It seems to be a very singularly fashioned manner of presuming that Evolution is clearly true. The "dominoe" theory is not used in the serial, and in those who want it to broadcast to children, the serial must be admired by its. The dominoe theory is not in the serial, and in those who want it to broadcast to children, the serial must be admired by its. The dominoe theory is not in the serial to the dignity of a dogma. The serial is not new, it is not new.
and that in letters to the Editor in daily newspapers. This is not an argument against it. The problem is that Miss Jean Combe knew of no other criticism, proved only that she knew of no other—again, "Sallent" is illogical in jumping to conclusions without sufficient evidence.

And even if the only criticism was letters to the Editor in daily newspapers, one such letter pointing out the radical error of presenting to children who have no critical ability, a mere theory which have grave difficulties, and to which in its extreme form, there are overwhelming objections is sufficient reason for the suspension of the serial. For it is enough for one sensible person to expose so gross an error—enough, surely, for protective action for our children.

Your article on "Education or Dogma" appeals to teachers. But why? Is it not the function of teachers to decide what shall be taught, but to teach what they are told—provided that they are not asked to violate conscience? Teachers are the servants of the parents to whom pupils belong; and even if "Sallent" held, with totalitarian regimes, that children belong not to parents, but to the State, or that the race, or the collective, teachers are the servants of the State. And their function is to do as they are told! It is certainly not for them to decide what children shall learn.

It is nice of "Sallent" to say: "It is a public duty to criticise the curricula of schools, provided the bases of criticism are sound and logical." But it is also impudent and impertinent for "Sallent" to act as though he has the right to decide what constitutes "solid and logical grounds" for criticism. This article, "Education or Dogma," provides grounds for grave doubts about "Sallent"'s ability to recognise true reasons for criticism.

"Sallent" appeals to the fact that "How Things Began" was a B.B.C. programme logically amounts to this: if it is, it made a mistake, let us follow suit. Is the B.B.C. infallible? If it makes a mistake, do not follow blindly and do not repeat its errors.

"How Things Began" has appeared in summary form in the "Broadside to Schools Handbook." But again that proves nothing beyond itself. If this argument proves anything, it proves that everything that has been issued to teachers is true, but not even "Sallent" with its penchant for fallacies, will be so silly as to hold that.

The fact regarding "Sallent"'s letter to Mr. McIntyre's letter: In "Sallent"'s opinion the theory of Evolution is the theory which best explains the facts; but that proves that "Sallent" thinks. It proves nothing more than that, and that is not worth proving.

If teachers desire this series of talks, they are certainly welcome so to desire. What they have not proved and what "Sallent" has not proved is that the teachers have any right to have the series broadcast. As is said above, the business of the teachers is to teach, as they are told.

Finally it is by no means certain that the authorities conceded to only a small minority: as far as "Sallent" knows that is the case: but "Sallent" is by no means omniscient and we have learnt not to rely too much upon all statements made in its columns.

ANTHROPOUS

In controversial matters everyone claims a right to his opinions. In its article on the suspension of "How Things Began." "Sallent" exerted that right—an Anthropous claims his in this letter. It is, however, fair to admit that a considerable majority of the more eminent modern biologists lend their support to the theory of Evolution. We agree with their findings. The serial merely presents in dramatic form the results of modern scientific interpretation of observed facts. This can scarcely be regarded as more dogmatic or objectionable than the religious which is diushed out over the radio, and which rests upon a scientific foundation of no greater demonstrable validity.

In nearly all primary schools ministers of religion avail themselves of the opportunity of preaching their dogma to children. In the case of the serial, as in the case of this religious instruction, children had a right of non-attendance.

In a country which boasts of secular education, surely a case for the theory of Evolution, which is accepted in its main outlines by many Christians, has a right of presentation equal to that of unproven religious dogma.

(Responsibility for this subject is now closed.—Ed.)
The CASE FOR A SCIENCE SOCIETY

This year has seen almost unprecedented activity on the part of the various scientific societies in the College: lectures, films, excursions, field days, etc. These societies, however, are very sectarian and correspondingly narrow in scope. The present university curriculum is most inadequate and instead of the societies supplying what is most lacking, they are mere appendages to the various departments, wrapped up in the same poor system. In industry the research worker finds that while his own specialised field is being constantly narrowed down, he remains at least a gaining acquaintance with the formidable science and other remotely connected sciences. A deplorable division is growing within the Science Faculty in this College.

The biological students on the one hand and the physical science students on the other, are more and more holding each other in mutual contempt. This artificial division is of course conditioned by the general administration and to no little extent by the teaching staff. The struggle of the “pure” agriculturist and the “pure” mathematician is still55. The thousands of examples of this kind are so well known and pervasive every branch of science that it is quite unnecessary to enumerate them here.

A single science society embracing all departments would help to bridge the present gap and would help to give science students an attitude which if the staff could only retain its former erstwhile, and as well important academic questions, could well be taken up by the science students but can only be done so through a healthy vigorous and broad science society embracing both staff and students in all departments. Until this is done science students will continue to go out into industry with an outlook detrimental to themselves and the society.

P.J.A.

Reviewer Slated

Dear Sir,—In your last issue you published a book review under the title “The Hollow Men.” By now, you are again becoming accustomed to seeing articles of Communistic slant in “Sallent.” I have no objection to your publishing reviews of such books as this; I have personal objections to them being reviewed from a Communist point of view in this “Organ of Student Opinion.” I object mainly to the biased, uncritical reviews as in “Sigmans” article.

The reviewer obviously has an axe to grind; as he says, “The philosophical scandals could not explain or show a way out of the great crash, but Marxism did.” The whole article is in similar vein, dogmatic assertions and sweeping statements brought to complement quotations from the book. This is not fair or unbiased criticism, or fair that matter even criticism. It is merely an excuse to air Marxist philosophy in this Marxist term.”

I regret having to write this letter; I feel it should be addressed to the “Sallent,” but to the “People’s Voice.”

SCM Retreat

During the first weekend in July, a keen group of students spent a very profitable weekend, listening to stimulating talks and taking part in lively discussions. The topic of the problems of suffering was attacked from various angles and disciplines.

Among the talks given were “The Theology of Suffering” by the Rev. Furr, and “The Suffering of Nations” by O. E. Burton. These both proved very delightful to students.

On Saturday morning the Rev. Hurst gave a bible lecture on the book of Job; followed by the S.C.M. Chaplain, the Rev. Sullivan, discussing C. S. Lewis’s book “The Problem of Pain.” On Sunday afternoon Bill Oliver approached the subject as treated in poetry, and members of the camp sang a few songs borrowed from the Religious Society.

The camp, though short, was both enjoyable and profitable, due partly to the foresight of the S.C.M. executive.
Biologists Active

Brita's Trust.—Never before has such a selection of brains from VUC Staff been submitted to questions from students. Biology I room was packed on June 19 and this large gathering was not disappointed in either the wit or the knowledge shown by the Trust.

Points of interest arising: Mr. Munro would rather die of an atomic bomb than of starvation. Dr. Newman managed to see plenty of girls when he was at school, especially in the weekends.

The Trust almost came to the conclusion that slumps are a good thing. Mr. Munro: "They could be made permanent."

Q.M. (Prof. Goodson): "Is there any likelihood of a Tennyson revival?" Mr. Munro: "How the devil should I know?" When put to the meeting it was decided to have a Tennyson revival.

Interesting questions were: "What happens to the pear when the oyster dies?" "Do you think a football coach should have two wheels at all?"

Sunday Trip.—Dr. Pegg led 30 biologists and geologists to Red Rocks on the 22nd—a great success from all points of view.

Tararen Trip.—Twelve biologists spent an enjoyable weekend at Five Hut from July 4-6. Much botany was learned and interest in botany, tramping, cooking and sailing stimulated.

Wellsville—Thirty-old biologists visited the animal research station on Wednesday the 9th.

Day Trip to Butterfish Creek.—Mr. Baker led a hiking trip to this handy bit of bush on Sunday, July 20. All students interested in botany are welcome. Bus leaves Hotel Cecil at 8 a.m.

Dark Eyes Are Deceiving

Fear dark eyes for always scheming
Divides the innocent in his hopes,
Illusion born in wistful dreaming
Life's precious hours in yesterday's windows.

Hered a not a woman's glance, brother,
They are more dangerous than the snakes,
Lenses blur a deignful lover
In her net of beauty she awaits.

Plucks a rose the Curious for its beauty
Crushed beneath the feet—tawny dust within an hour.

Ignoble is a woman's selfish duty
Who cares! There's many a floater.

Lash, droop like mystic fawn appealing
Debates the vision of the inner sight,
Be thou wise and in thy dealing
Love a wand for a rifle.

—OMAR HJUMAN.

Give a Woman Freedom

Give a woman all her freedom
She will do as she pleases.
Kneeling not, she runs at random
Till she quenches her want desire.

She is best like harried horses
Plunging mad and ploughing well,
Men must strive and all the powers
Are his blessings or his hell.

Let a woman be rod and master
Of all that is and hath been.
Known to world, there is nothing
Plagued or woeful but to know.

Then a woman granting rein.

—OMAR HJUMAN.

3 B.B. REPS.

We are glad to report the complete recovery of the Women's Basketball Club. There is now an active membership of thirty players, all of whom have brought great enthusiasm to the team's activities. All three teams have been playing well, and the Senior and Intermediate have a commendable number of wins to their credit.

Proof of the increased vigour of the club and of individual ability is the fact that Julie Dean (Senior) and June Scott (Intermediate) have been picked as Wellington reps. for 1947, and Miriam Brain (Junior) is working hard for a place. Congratulations, girls; the club is grateful for the prestige you have brought to it.

Club practice night, Monday at 8 p.m., at St. Joseph's, has been so well attended that we can boast a full two-team practice weekly (almost). This has been something of a strain on our last year's efforts, but a great deal of pride for our improvement must go to our coach, Mr. Budden, whose skill and good nature have done much to boost the club's spirit.

But onward and upward. Next year we want at least four teams (we'll find the uniforms somehow) so anyone is welcome to come along. Keenness is the only qualification.

PUBLICATIONS

Socialist Club

The text of a talk given to the Socialist Club recently, by Mr. A. H. Scotten, will form the basis of a pamphlet which is being published by the club. The subject of the talk was "How Right was the Left," in which Mr. Scotten analysed the attitude and policy of marxists and left-wing thinkers generally during the last year, and showed how closely the march of events has justified these theories.

Many of those present realised the unusual value of this talk, that fact that there is no publication readily available which covers this material. As a result it will be published, possibly with a different title, and should be on sale before the end of this term.

Political Science

The Political Science Society intends to publish, early in the third term, a write-up on political parties in New Zealand.

Supporters of Labour, National, Communist, Democratic and other parties—here is your chance to tell the students of VUC all about your Party line. What is the structure and working of your party, and what are the character and function of a political party supporting it? What are the live political issues within the party itself?

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SPRINGBOKS AND US

Those who have been fortunate enough to see the South African team have known a little about a soccer player who has brought a little about a soccer player will have noticed their unusual combination. The full-backs mark the wings, instead of being the inside men and are more often on attack; the wing-halves on the other hand, mark the opposing inside forwards and play more in the middle of the field. The centre-half instead of being the pivot man of the game, as is usual for the type of combination used by the New Zealand team, becomes a "third full-back" and is, in fact, the outstanding defensive player on the field. This, however, leaves a gap in the middle of the field which must be covered by the inside forwards.

Strange as it may seem, the only other team in Wellington besides the South Africans which uses this particular type of combination is the VUC Soccer Eleven. Not, of course, with equal success. Generally it takes about a season of games—their only practice together—to get this combination working order. The Tournament successes of the last two years are evidence that this skill is achieved in that time. Considering the team only managed to face the Southside Market 1-1 last Saturday, this comparison with the South Africans might be good for morals.

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Trampers' Boots Leave Marks on Local Hills

Winter, Jolly Reggan Weathah, and so forth, seems rather to stimulate the outdoor activity than to tempo it. The past month has seen large parties in the hills each weekend. Those who can afford to succumb to Ski Fever have been dashing off to the snows of Egmont and Ruapehu. Those whose conscience demands at least nominal weekend study, have taken Sunday trips as the ideal compromise—much more refreshing than sipping tea with relatives on a Sunday afternoon.

Pencarrow

Pre-Rosie led 18 enthusiasts to Pencarrow on Saturday, June 15. Around the lakes, over the painfully scruffy Richmond, they rode (they say they raced) to work up a thirst which was quenched, and we are told, with batonic Shandy matured for seven years.

Putangarau Pinnacles

The track through Putangarau was full of folk to Potters, eager to spend the shortest day of 1976 under canvas. It was a Sunday and the weather was fair. The canvas was the club's white elephant, the mighty tent. Thought at the start that six strong men to carry it, it apparently served its purpose in preventing the scenery from being damaged.

The pinnacles are extraordinary and quite terrifying. At one stage a sticky avalanche threatened to overtake the party, and called forth some of Peter Mitchell's metaphors and puns.

Skiing at Ruapehu

Floors did not deter Jack McDonald from taking his Ski Tournament candidates and sundry others up to Ruapehu, June 17-20. Nearly a score of boards jacked into a large lorry and arrived at the Chateau, after many halts for blocked roads, on Saturday afternoon. They stayed in at a hotel there, as a billboard made State Hutt unattainable. Sunday morning they skied, or learnt to ski under ideal conditions. With Phil Dowie and Malcolm Mace, VIC will have a good men's team, anyway.

Miscellany

The weekend July 4-6 was outstanding for tramping activity. Weather held fine and Sunny stayed at sea level; the mountains were covered with deep snow.

The official club trip was over the Orongos to Potters, where Ken Johnstone led about a dozen people. They went to Tawhai on Friday night, crossed via the Tapokopoka Saddle to pitch tents at the Red Hut, on Saturday night. The return to the Orongos was made down Goat Creek, and so back to the Walnut Valley.

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On The Ball

Chief interest at present is focussed on the North v. South Island Varsity game to be held at Christchurch on July 16. Of the seventeen players selected to make the trip, Victoria has been handed a team which the selectors have not hesitated to the extent of giving them a team which the selectors have not hesitated to the extent of giving them the complete advantage.

The following are the Victoria representatives: M. F. Radich (centre), S. MacLeod (wing), R. Jacob (half), W. S. Neads (lock) and S. S. Kurtavich (emergency forward) of Canterbury; and R. B. Burke, former of Victoria, and W. M. Brown, also in the team.

R. B. Burke was selected for the Women's Rep. XV against Canterbury on July 5 and M. F. Radich was emergency back. The training of the side on the single Saturday which has perished have been a much improved display by the Seniors A's, a really unlucky loss by the B's, the maintenance of the 3A XV's unbeaten record, and the 3C side's victory over Rongotai.

This last was by the excellent margin of thirty-two points, the final score being 15-2, so that the team seems to have found its feet with a vengeance.

The 3A side played excellent football to defeat St. Patrick's College (Wellington), with the Senior B XV lost to Marist by six points to eight—a real hard-hunk on the line and the Seniors A's, with a little more luck, might have defeated the formidable Petece side on their home ground.

Two Items of Interest are: 1) Christchurch City have invited the Club to send both Senior A and Junior A sides to the Chatham Islands, August 1-6, and the model boat crews have already been in camp and will be on the move, August 3-5. 2) The Central Hawkes Bay Sub-Union has invited the 2C XV to play T.E. College at Waipukurau on August 23 or 30.

Women's Hockey

Because of heavy grounds and no matches for three weeks the standards of hockey last Saturday was not what one expects to see at this time of the year. The Seniors A team were soundly beaten by Tech Old Girls, a team which has challenged the leaders of the grade, had reason to feel satisfied with their efforts. The main difference between the teams was the inability of the forwards to finish off their passing movements by scoring. Tech. Old Girls, on the other hand, were magnificent shots from the face of the circle to the top of the goal net, and ones which any goalkeeper might be forgiven for not stopping. The outstanding players of the day were M. Seddon, transferred to Richmond last week, and D. Murphy as goalkeeper. Varsity's only goal came from a corner, with V. Rishin rushing in to score from a rebound from the goalie's pads. T.O.G., 5; Varsity 1.

The Senior Reserve game provided another win for the leaders of that grade, Upper Hutt. The score was 5-0. Members of the Varsity team tell me that in spite of having two of their usual team away they did not feel overwhelmed. J. Lees, goalkeeper, is proving a great asset, and with more confidence and experience may prove the best goalkeeper of her grade.

By defeating the second top team in the grade Varsity has now risen to second equal. P.T.G.O. were unfortunate in having to play one short, but every player had the better stickwork and combination. Offside play robbed them of several goals, but the game ended 2-0 in their favour.

Owing to their match being transferred from Kilbrine to Griffins at the last minute, the Juniors' grade lacked the usual number of players. Varsity generously loaned one of their players to W.Y.C.A. and then proceeded to win the game 4-0. All four goals were scored by Cicely McCready, a beginner who has shown steady improvement all season.

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