SALIENT SCOOP ON NEGO OLYMPIANS

Students creeping like snails unwillingly to Varsity may find consolation in the knowledge that after what one of them described as "a total massacre in New Zealand, the Panamanian Powerhouse, Lloyd La Beach, holder of the world record for 100 metres on a grass track, and his equally famous companion, Herbert de Cloes, the world’s 1-mile and 400 metres titles, have also returned to the lecture-room and the textbook.

They were in high spirits when I interviewed them in their hotel room the day before they left New Zealand. To the accompaniment of much splashing and singing from McKeeny in their private bathroom, I listened while La Beach sat up in bed and talked about American universities and the colour question.

Fraternities

This brought us to those peculiarly American college institutions, the fraternities, whose nation-wide organisation, power and influence make them appear to be highly commercialised, and financialised version of the "old school tie." Each fraternity sets its own academic and social standards for potential members, who must be nominated, voted in, and initiated following the manner of its founding society. Race or religion is a frequent bar to membership. The first two fraternities, particularly the latter, are the only ones that are not of the same origin as those in other countries.

Their suggested that racial segregation was maintained in the South as a sort of final disfigurement of the North, for the sake of traditionalism rather than principle. In the North, it is estimated that 80% of the fraternity houses were owned by the fraternity themselves, and 60% of those owned by the fraternity were black. They are sold to white people for up to $10,000 a year.

... in films too

They declared the Hollywood tendency to spell "Negro" in a lazy, somewhat supercilious manner. Instead of the correct "black," they claim that blacks are "Negroes". Some actors, they said, were now refusing to accept roles which lowered the dignity of their race. They did not want to pass through society, to get into Dental School, which is apparently as stonewall as getting into Osteo Med. School.

It was now Lloyd's turn for the bath, and McKeeny was somewhat less loquacious though equally friendly. The University of Illinois, where Herb is doing his education, has 30,000 students. Campus City has its own community, the "beaches" of Maywood and streets and streets of Student Hostela, Fraternity Houses, and common boarders. Illinois is a world inhabited almost solely by Varsity footballers.

Character was mentioned who after twelve years at Cambridge was now looking for new cases for staying in Campus City. He fears that that frailer flower, his freedom of self-expression and the whole scope permitted his political and literary activities, would wither and die in a bleak climate of today’s American community. (Does this apply to anyone you know?)

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Victoria College Drama Club is producing its Jubilee play in the Concert Chamber on March 29th and 30th, and is viewing its production of Goldsmith’s “She Stoops to Conquer,” with a great display of elaboration and wit, and a sense of the romantic.
LOST SHEEP AND COMMUNIST BELL-WETERS?
A Reply to Rev. Sullivan

"Students behaving as if their minds were closed..." What does Mr. Sullivan mean by a "closed mind"? Does he mean, for instance, that I, a Socialist, who have spent months discussing the "simplest" conditions as well as the result of a few hours' discussion, be prepared to abandon standspoints of which I have long been convinced, merely because they are changed by argument? And is it mean that he, as a Christian, will similarly be prepared to abandon tenets he has for years regarded as essential to his faith?

I am sure he does not. Why, then, does he expect communists to behave so mildly, the mind of a communist stubbornly adhering to Marxism is no more closed than that of a clergymen cleaving devoutly to the Apostle's Creed. The communists at the Congress were quite prepared to have their philosophy run the gauntlet of criticism, and in my opinion they by no means had things all their own way, even if a forward-looking group of young people concerned, in a rapidly changing age, for the future, dare register a swing away from an orthodoxy which the eighty-year-old Mr. Shaw termed a "huge mass of obsolescence."

"A Voically Strong Minority Carried the Day" Guided by the four days I spent at the Congress, I must flatly contradict Mr. Sullivan. It is, of course, true that the speakers, bound to be a minority at any such gathering, did voice the feeling and outlook of the majority present, though not in the confession, of course, that one in ten. This taken for granted, however, the Congress was the most democratically conducted affair of its kind I have ever attended. Following on an address, it broke up for group discussions and then united again to criticise and question the speaker. It is perhaps to the point to say that my own very radical views of university reform were both drastically and ably criticised and demonstrated at the Congress. The four days I spent there would have been even more faithfully dealt with. This being so, Mr. Sullivan's suggestion that most of the students were sheep easily led, is wide of the mark. At the Congress, as in every discussion was sustained—quite a good deal by animated dissensions—and the interest shown by the audience, renders Mr. Sullivan's allusion to 'most of the students as being 'inwardly-minded, or dumb,' entirely out of keeping with the facts. As already said, it is, of course, true that most of the speaking was done by a minority, but it was not a minority in the sense in which the word is ordinarily used.

120 Students Attended out of 11,000. Could this Quota Have Been Increased?

Such a small attendance as the above, Mr. Sullivan considers "a poor reflection on the average student citizenship." So do I. Indeed I go further and consider it a reflection upon our whole education system from primary school to university college, a system which can turn out "muddled oats" and "ranelled fools" by the thousand, but does shockingly little to harvest in its furrow a mental prowess potentially as great. I hope that Mr. Sullivan, as part of his dedicated service to college life, will not rest till he has seen this condition of affairs greatly improved. But this said, how does this painful fact regarding the 11,000 reflect on the 120 who did attend the Congress and energetically participated in its work and do so day by day. Surely Mr. Sullivan has involved himself in a non sequitur here.

A "Press Release" Hard to Excuse

On admittedly slight acquaintance, the writer took Mr. Sullivan as a part of his sainted band; thus furthering the cause to which he is ordained. As did all others at Curious Cove, he mixed on terms of friendly easy mutual confidence with his co-attendants at the Congress. He was a member of the management committee. Then it would seem he felt in honour and conscience moved to digistically criticise the Congress. So far good; but on the contrary, did he fail to inform the management committee on which he sat, of what he intended to do, thus causing all who thought the Congress had done well and was an augury of Congresses better still, to feel that he was smeared and that they themselves had been tripped up behind from behind.

FIVE FOR BUILDING UP FUND: YOURS!
Would you like £5 without begging, borrowing, or really earning it? You can get it quite easily by submitting something for "Cappadocia" 1949— see editorials. There are three competitions with prizes of £3, £1, and 10s.—(not to mention the prizes of tickets to Extrav.) The competitions are: The best poem—humorous, of course; The best story—again, humorous; The best collection of a few advertisements or snippets— that is, pieces lifted from other papers or magazines which you think funny enough. We'll take contributions any time up to March 31st. But after that you can leave them on the letter-rack in your committee-room addressers. (The Editor, "Cappadocia") or leave them over in the exec. room. It would help us a lot if you could have them typed—preferably double spaced on one side of the paper only—but don't hold out just because you can't have them typed. If it's written, please make it on one side of the paper. You can send in as much as you like, for all three competitions, if you wish. If you want to get an idea of the sort of stuff we want, look at an old copy of "Cappadocia." Get it in by March 1st— the sooner the better—and make it funny.

How the Press Functions
As a man who has been about and can supply the Press with what, being far from a left, it would regard as good copy, Mr. Sullivan is almost sure to know how it functions. He would then marvel at the claim of the claimers, from the Amanda of inquiry of public-spirited devotion to its duty, and of a tip-toe anxiety not to keep the public waiting a single unforbearing minute. He would let his penetration go forward without dreaming of giving those officially called upon to clear the good name of the Congress a chance to simultaneously refute it. In doing this, Mr. Sullivan seems to me, personally, because of the company he was keeping, to have struck a regrettable low.

I can only hope in conclusion that the N.Z.U.S.A. will leave no stone unturned to catch up on the grossly unfair handicap it has, through no fault of its own, had to accept in this matter. The following is F. L. COMBS.

(We understand that at a special meeting of the Congress Management Committee held since this article was written, Mr. Sullivan was asked by a unanimous vote to either make a public correction of his calumnious statement, or else resign from the Committee.—Ed.)

DEUTSCHSPRACHIGE GESSELLSCHAFT
A small society with the above name is to be established in V.T.C. and all universities. It is cordially invited to join. The purpose of the society will be to practise the speaking of German, to hear lectures and discuss subjects likely to be of interest to members, to produce plays in German, and so forth.

It is expected that German-speakers from countries other than Germany will be numerous in the membership. It may be possible to make a point of studying European cultures and European problems generally, apart from the German. The society is well provided for already.

 Provisionally, the first meeting will be on Tuesday, 24th July at 8 p.m. in the Union hall. It is hoped that a short talk on "Winter's Sleep" will be given by a group of former inhabitants of the city.

 Confirmation or alteration of these arrangements will appear on the notice-board in Room A5 in the Arts Building.
NO MAN IS AN ISLAND

No man—or woman—had a chance to be an island at Curious Cove. Over 120 students, gathered together in one place, cut off from the outside world by mills and schools, could not escape the reality of the community they lived in. Nor, as the unending discussions proved, did they have any wish to escape from the responsibility that bound them as students to the rest of the world.

Curious Cove, a typical outport village, was to be the ideal spot for such a function as the N.U.S. University Students' Association's first Congress. Every prospect pleased, and even the human company was so fine that no one thought of leaving.

The sun shone brightly, the wind blew in the fresh air, and the community, was contented. The young people were not in deep concentration about the affairs of the world.

"Each Man is a Piece of the Continent"

A "Listener" columnist has laughed at people who believe in one thing that is best designed to break down the "Little Tower" in which students so often are accused of locking themselves in. It is a thought that often occurs to them. A great statesman has said, "No one, who is not a member of this society, is able to understand the importance of the work of the church in the world."

Mr. P. L. Condon, who had been here for a hundred years ago, said, "It is a great thing that the whole world is on the first day of the term. The university is, and must be, an integral part of the society within which it exists."

"The Free Press," a local newspaper, said, "It is not for the Free Press, or any other newspaper, to speak for the work of the church."

Diversity of Topics

Other speakers were more in tune with the original Comtean theme of the Congress. Mr. Arthur Barker opened the general session with a paper that he had never experienced before. Mr. Mr. Barker's ideas of the church were so advanced that even the local newspaper was unable to find words to express its opinion.

"The Church and the State," Mr. Barker said, "is a matter of great importance to the whole country."

Mr. Barker spoke of the advantages of having the church and the state work together. He believed that the church should be involved in all aspects of society, from education to politics.

Mr. Barker also spoke of the need for the church to be more responsive to the needs of the community. He believed that the church should be more involved in the community, and that it should be more responsive to the needs of the people.

Secret Research

Dr. A. G. Bogle struck a discordant note in his paper. He began by discussing the importance of research in society, and then he turned to the question of whether the church should be involved in secret research. Mr. Bogle believed that the church should be involved in secret research, and that it should be more responsive to the needs of the community.

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Christophers' Paper

This is the name the Literary Society of the University has given to William H. Wilson's "Christophers' Paper." The Literary Society, which usually meets on Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. in the Union Hall, is composed of the students who are interested in literature. The Society has been in existence for over a year, and has published several collections of short stories and poems.

"Christophers' Paper" is the first collection of short stories published by the Society. The stories in the collection are all about life in a small town, and are written from the point of view of a young man named Christopher. The stories are about the struggles and difficulties of life in a small town, and the way in which people cope with these difficulties.

The first issue of the collection was published last month, and has been well received by the students. The collection is now available at the University Bookstore, and is also available by subscription. The Society plans to publish a new collection of stories each year.
LYSENKO v. THE WORLD

Over the last few years British and American learned journals have devoted considerable space to the Soviet genetics controversy. Most of the articles are openly anti-Soviet. Few writers have maintained that there is complete freedom of conscience among all of them and that they have attempted to defend Lysenko's theories. He has been dubbed a butcher, charlatan, adventurer, etc., ad nauseam. The controversy has been a subject of discussion and debate in the learned journals. The intellectual level and the intellectual honesty of the controversy are very high. The controversy has been provoked by the publication of a series of books and articles by Mendels, Mendels, and Mendels...

Trends in Biology

In the past few years, the field of biology has undergone a remarkable change. The Mendelian doctrine of heredity and variation has been replaced by the theory of the continuous variation of traits, known as the "genetic drift" or "genetic drift theory." This theory has been supported by a large body of evidence, including the results of crosses and the behavior of organisms in nature. The Mendelian doctrine, which is still taught in many schools and universities, is now considered to be an oversimplification.

Malthus Rejected

The work of Thomas Malthus, who published his famous "Essay on the Principle of Population" in 1798, has been widely criticized by modern biologists. Malthus argued that populations tend to increase exponentially while food supplies increase only linearly. This has been shown to be incorrect, as populations have been observed to remain stable or even decline in many cases.

Orthodox Genetics

Most modern biologists believe that Mendelian genetics is an oversimplification. They argue that genes are not discrete units, but are instead continuous variables that can vary in a range of values. This has led to the development of a new field of study called population genetics, which seeks to understand the genetic variation within populations.

SIR THOMAS HUNTER will meet all FRESHERS

In Room C3, at 8 p.m., Tuesday, 1st March

As a result of this session, the Academy passed a resolution on 26th August, urging that general recognition be given to the Mendelian school of thought. The resolution passed by the Academy is sound and should be endorsed by all teachers of biology.

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Salient, February 23, 1949

“INGLORIOUS VICTORIA”?

 Renewed Attack On Indonesian Demonstration

“Freedom” in what must be surely the most tragic incident of the year is described in a New Zealand newspaper: “Tom Americans and why they called the students demonstration two years ago, against the Dutch attack on the Indonesian Republic, ‘cheap’.

It is necessary, therefore, that for the benefit of those who are attending college for the first time, there should appear some account in this issue, of what was, perhaps, Victoria’s finest hour—February 23, 1949.

World Reaction

To Dutch Action

It will be recalled how, on Sunday, July 20th, British and American tanks, planes, fireboats and water towers were launched against the former British colony in the Far East, in a move which was described as “the Dutch attack on the Indonesian Republic, ‘cheap’.

With extraordinary rapidity the forces of democracy and human rights in the world replied to Indonesia’s call for aid. Netherland’s “We will not tolerate foreign forces operating in Asia.”

Victoria responded no less speedily. Within six hours of news from the Netherlands, a delegation of 250 students was on its way. An excellent folder giving an account of the history of the Dutch attack on the Indonesian Republic, its plans for its destruction had been printed and a special meeting of the Socialist Club unanimously decided on a public demonstration as the only means by which the gravity of the Dutch attack on the Indonesian Republic, could be brought home to the people.

As the club said, in a circular distributed to the public, “This is a war which is being won by the people of the world. We ask that all people of all countries should fight against the Dutch attack on the Indonesian Republic, its plans for its destruction had been printed and a special meeting of the Socialist Club unanimously decided on a public demonstration as the only means by which the gravity of the Dutch attack on the Indonesian Republic, could be brought home to the people.

Students Break Govt. Iron Curtain

As soon as the news that the students were likely to demonstrate had been leaked, the Government, extraordinary activity was shown on the part of the authorities. Far from Mr. Mitchell’s threat that self-appointed humanitarians and self-proclaimed defender of the rights of the people of the world, must fight against the Dutch attack on the Indonesian Republic, its plans for its destruction had been printed and a special meeting of the Socialist Club unanimously decided on a public demonstration as the only means by which the gravity of the Dutch attack on the Indonesian Republic, could be brought home to the people.

The good name of the college was threatened again at a general meeting of the Students’ Association a few weeks later. At that meeting a motion “That the Executive shall send a letter of apology to the Dutch Government for the action of a minority and disassociate the Socialist Club for a period of one year” was lost by 140 votes to 110. The motion was reaffirmed as “Novel” put it, that “when organised by the Socialist Club over three hundred students signed a petition on and over two hundred marched the streets” against the Dutch attack, it was not against the Dutch Government that the students were demonstrating, but against the Dutch attack on the Indonesian Republic.

Two days after the demonstration the United Nations Security Council approved the demand of the Indonesian Government to “cease hostility forthwith, withdraw their troops, and settle by arbitration of other peaceful means all outstanding differences.” It was precisely what the students had called for.

For the eloquence of calling for the implementation of the Atlantic Charter and of the Charter of the United Nations, the students were to be subject to further petty irritation. For, from the time after the last “Novel” put it, that “when organised by the Socialist Club over three hundred students signed a petition on and over two hundred marched the streets” against the Dutch attack, it was not against the Dutch Government that the students were demonstrating, but against the Dutch attack on the Indonesian Republic.

... And Whitewash

... For Reputations

Fortified by expressions of support from all parts of New Zealand the Socialist Club received a fan mail such as has never been received at Vic. A road before and financial help from numerous unions and individuals, the club decided to fight the case and to establish the right to hold processions. After an outburst of wrath by Mr. T. H. J. Thompson, S. M., it was confirmed that the police were no longer to prevent the procession and “The Island” of the police and the “Novel” put it, that “when organised by the Socialist Club over three hundred students signed a petition on and over two hundred marched the streets” against the Dutch attack, it was not against the Dutch Government that the students were demonstrating, but against the Dutch attack on the Indonesian Republic.

Law Held Unreasonable

Mr. Thompson, pointing out that it had been admitted by the police that the procession was an orderly one, held that the by-law was unreasonable as well as repressive to the laws of New Zealand and was unlawful. He dismissed the information.

To sum up: When pressmen, political, union, university students and any one else walks at the gate, there are those who say Whitman said, unforgettable:

“Whatever degrades another degrades me
Whatever is done or said returns at last to me.”

Finally, Victoria challenged a shameful law and broke it. Chalk one up!

NOW WE ARE FIFTY

Most students probably know that the College Jubilee will be celebrated some time during 1949. Probably few are aware as yet of the dates, dates or nature of these celebrations. We are pleased to call on the College’s behalf to extend invitations for participation, so that we may present a summary of the Jubilee activities.

The University Committee, comprising the Chairman of the College Council, principal, representatives of the staff and the students (both past and present) has been at work for many months on the necessary preparations. This Committee has finally decided that the Jubilee week should run from the 15th of May, Sunday, to the following Saturday. The most important events on the first day will be the various Church services. At the moment, two such services have been arranged—An Academic Mass for Catholic students at St. Mary’s of the Angels in the morning, and a combined service at St. Paul’s in the afternoon.

Process, Leads Off

At noon or thereabout on the 10th, a procession will proceed in more or less academic fashion through several of Wellington’s streets to the Town Hall where a civic reception will be held. By 2 P.M. the Mayor, Councillors and Corporation will have proceeded to the University for the first of a series of events which will go on, day by day, leading up to the day on which the College will be opened. This ceremony will be followed by a conversation, or “get together” for past and present students.

On Tuesday, May 17th, the College Council will give a reception in the Town Hall. Wednesday will see another conversation, this time for the present students and the various College Clubs will organiser functions. For instance, the Debating Society will hold a dinner and some of the sporting clubs are organiser contents between past and present students. Friday evening will be devoted to a ball, once again at the Rathaus (Hôtel de Ville) to you! It is to be hoped in mind that this is only the official programme and that individual clubs will probably be arranging functions of their own on the days mentioned.

As the jubilee celebrations should be enjoyable, to say the least, to all students, we hope that the arrangements which will be made will be in keeping with the spirit of the occasion. We shall, no doubt, see our students take a pride in the College by attending the Jubilee celebrations, then the citizens may take more kindly to the appeal for our desperately needed Student Union Building.

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If you were to search now among the outward confusion of the incredibly tiny room which houses the Caxton Press in Christchurch, and if you were to put aside chipped cups, boxes of lead type, rags, and piles of warm, new books and pamphlets, somewhere you would find, on many a quarto page, the typescript of a new and important number of our College magazine, “The Spike.” At a plain, wooden table, just inside the door, you would find Denis Glover, the printer himself, perspiring slightly at the brow, frantically addressing envelopes, or, with nice suavity and perfect business shrewdness, making bargains with a paper-chant, or discussing a printing order with Mrs. So-and-So from the local Women’s Guild or Sewing Circle. Before long, the known facts about Glover would come through, in his conversation and manner, and in the talk of his friends—the warm, Irish, easy, slight unpredictability, the brilliance over a pint of malt; the poet, and writer who has caught John Lehmann’s eye; the Navy veteran of World War II; Glover, the typographer, the Christ’s and Canty man. If you talked with him, and bore in mind the delightful volumes that have emerged from this tiny room—“Of Wives and Wiving,” the two books of printing types, the Caxton Poets series—I think you would agree, that the magazine is in the right hands.

Getting under Weigh

It all began nearly twelve months ago when the Executive asked me to tackle the task of preparing a new number of “The Spike” to mark the Golden Jubilee celebrations of our College. Shorty afterwards, the Royal tour of New Zealand was planned, and, as a result, the Jubilee celebrations and publications were set back three months. Closing dates for entries had to be changed, until nobody quite knew who the editor was or the copy, and the printer didn’t know when the printer wanted it. But these were only incidental difficulties. Add to them the fact that the three members of the editorial committee between whom examinations to sit or mark, the homework to do, and other intellectual tasks, humdrum and otherwise, and it may be seen that a magazine is down with the Caxton Press at all! All this, and apace too—the vast, untold, unprogressive staff that continually devotes all its efforts to College thought and writing, and energy.

Policy?

Yet, when we met for the first time, we thought the venture worth while and sound around for a policy.

The first preconception that had to be cleared away was that this was not the fifth number of “The Spike.” It is fifty years since the College was formed, but, partly because the new College did not become articulate for three years, and partly because till 1933 there were two issues a year, this is actually Number 37.

Then we looked back at Vol. 1, No. 1, and found it was called “The Spike” not just a “Spike” or any old “Spike,” but "THE SPIKE" and we also found, to our astonishment, that it remained so until the late thirties.

"That isn’t "THE SPIKE"" was the cry. So, at the dreadful risk of bringing down the wrath of the bright years, it all answered to the baptismal name.

After that, the long labour of reading through volumes and volumes of College magazines—and particularly the memorial numbers.

What We Wanted

Without any doubt there are in those pages a most readable collection of statistics than ever the "Who’s Who" or "Who’s Who," knew. With a faint shadow cast upon the expense of spirit, I closed their pages, and set to wondering what could be done this time. Would it be possible to strike any kind of reasonable balance between the heavy conscientiousness of the club histories, now in true style as long as in true, and the wedge of literary stuff which the more ambitious of the B.C. Executive wanted from me?

So, with not much more than a vague policy in front of me, I began the long task of sending out letters to anybody who had ever had a name for themselves in academic or literary circles, doctors, lawyers, fellows, doctors, professors, business men, studs, and in a word, published. The result, of course, bad they all answered, would have been disastrous. But, as previous editors have found again and again, there was no danger of that. One has to be among the most that which comes, even if some of it holds in on one leg.

What We’ve Got

You may be interested in some of the pages I have just begun with. There is a valuable document from the late surviving professor—Sir Thomas A. E. L. Strutt, the students’ confraternity, and a thousand other tasks, humdrum and otherwise, and it may be seen that a magazine is down with the Caxton Press at all! All this, and apace too—the vast, untold, unprogressive staff that continually devotes all its efforts to College thought and writing, and energy.

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LOWDOWN ON THE LIBRARY

On the 16th of February, 1949, the Victoria University College Library had accessioned 69,732 books. There are still a number of books uncatalogued but the balance is restored by losses and withdrawals.

The number of students at VUC in 1948 was 2374. In the librarian’s annual report, which will be presented at the next meeting of the Council, there will be an item showing the number of books issued in 1948. When this figure is published I feel sure that a simple mathematical calculation will show that a large percentage of students do not use the library. Of the many who do use the library, a large proportion are not satisfied with it. Trying to find out the reason for this Salient staff have interviewed a number of students. The question that was put to the student was “What do you think of the Vic Library? Are you satisfied with it, and how do you think it could be improved?” The following is a selection from the answers obtained.

Arts Graduate (English)
I have always found the library satisfying, especially as you can get any book you like, and the rate charge is low and can be afforded by any normal person.

3rd-Year Science Student
I cannot follow the library at all. If I had a spare time I go to the Public Library.

Library School Graduate
It is a most frightening institution. Generally speaking, I would consider it difficult as getting to a Buckingham Palace Garden Party. I think the system of book issue is cumbersome and antiquated and I particularly object to the library closing for lunch.

2nd-Year Arts Student
There is no plan which can be followed easily. The planning which is displayed does not show the classification on it. There should be a notice in a prominent place in the library outlining the classification scheme. The library is crowded and chaotic. There is no continuity in the way the shelves run on.

6th-Year Science Student
I am fed up with choosing round the Science Room. Books bearing my subject are to be found in no build up to seven places in that one room.

The Biology section urgently needs attention. Many ancient texts could be burned and replaced with modern material.

2nd-Year Arts
I think the library would be better if they fined for overdates. It also seems strange that the library has no microfilm reader. Victoria students should be one of the first to purchase one, especially as there is no other good film available in New Zealand, Australia and obtainable from the United Kingdom and the United States.

To fresher and others who are new to the Library it is only fair to point out that the Vic Library is part of the Library of Congress system for classifying books. Most Public Libraries in New Zealand, the Dewey or decimal system. Both systems have their advantages but the chief disadvantage of the Library of Congress system is that it is not consistent with the Dewey system. For instance, about 1946, the Library published an excellent little pamphlet. A Guide for Readers, this pamphlet is about 15 pages, good, and it should be in the hands of the printer and according to latest information it will be published “some time this year”.

WHAT WE WANT
1. More books per student per issue.
2. More light in the library. (Why cannot the library install fluorescent lighting as has been done in the lecture-rooms?)
3. An information desk in the main library, at least in the first few weeks.
4. Conducted tours for fresher and others to show layout of the building and where books are available.
5. An outline of the classification scheme displayed in a prominent place.
6. A classified plan of the library in a prominent place.
7. More books for overdates.
8. A microfilm reader.

AND GET THE OFFICIAL SLANT
Thursday, March 3
Mr. Miller speaks on the library at 8 p.m. in C-1.
PLAYERS AND STAYERS 1949

I don't suppose that this year will be any different from any other; in fact, all things being equal, all students will be again given good advice from their lecturers during the first week of term. For those who haven't been through it before, it is mainly this: if you wish to have a successful year you will start straight away. There will be a few who will take this advice, still a few more who will start off with good intentions, and the majority who will look around for something more to do in their spare time.

However, for all of you we wish to point out that there are many Social Clubs who will welcome you with open arms.

For those who are really energetic, the basketball starts in a few weeks, and the Athletic Club is already "running" on Keelburn Park. If you want to be in the队, and wave from the gallery, you must attend the first practice, which will probably be on Wednesday, March 16.

As the season will probably begin on the first Saturday after Easter, it is up to players to begin their preparation as early as possible. Practice times will be announced on Wednesday and possibly Thursday evenings throughout the season in the College gymnasium and on Keelburn Park, and the importance of regular attendance at these practices is essential.

If any further information is wanted, get in touch with Henry Moore, Public Trust Office, phone 24-777, or Joe Trupp, Turnbull Library, phone 60-960.

Politiccal Science Society

Since its formation two years ago the Political Science Society has done much. It has over 60 members and the objective of the society is to study the political life of the world and the effects of the war. The society has been successful in its objectives and the result was the publication last year of the society's "Journals of Political Science". The journal contains articles on current events and political science and is widely read by political scientists.

The society meets one evening a week in the Political Science building and the meetings are open to all members and visitors. The meetings are conducted by the president and the secretary and the agenda is decided by the members at the beginning of the meeting.

The society has also published a newsletter which is circulated to all members. The newsletter contains articles on current events and political science and is widely read by political scientists.

Nice to see you again.

Catholic Students' Guild

The Catholic Students' Guild will commence activities for the 1949 year on Sunday, March 8th. In all probability, there will be a high tea at St. Patrick's College at 9:30 on Sunday. The meetings will be held at the Guild's business during the coming year.

Meetings of the Guild are held approximately once a month and are open to all members. The Guild's business is a discussion of current events, politics, and literature.

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