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STUDENT UNION BUILDING FUND

TARGET IN SIGHT!

FOR some time, "Salient" has more or less known that the Student Union Building Fund has hit the target of $35,000 which was set some while back.

Now, in the following statement from Stud. Ass. president K. B. O'Brien comes official confirmation of this, and a reminder that you will have to do something right now to help with planning.

You may remember that two and a half years ago the Executive of the Stud. Ass. got a Committee to launch a special appeal to obtain the remainder of the money needed to build the new Student Union Building. After delays a special appeal was placed to students who were launched late in 1948. Owing to apathy and some slight short-sightedness on the part of those appealed to, not much was obtained. It is true that the appeal was felt from this past and present students to raise funds from fees. Copper subscriptions, special efforts and sundry donations approximately $15,000. In fact approximately 8-5% of basic tuition fee goes to that fund.

Under 12 months ago a public appeal was launched at a public meeting of the balance of the money which when combined with the Government allowance would provide us with what we need to-day all concerned were satisfied that we have enough money to justify our planning the building Fund and accordingly a series of

PROMPTLY, since the last exam finished last year, nothing has "thrown more students into a greater confusion than the apparently general confusion which has arisen over the new BA and BSc pre-superscriptions outlined there, we give here a short synopsis of the main effects of the new scheme, and comments on its introduction which the Principal, Sir Thomas Hunter, had to make when introducing the latter.

The new prescription must mean...

NO INJUSTICE, SAYS PRINCIPAL

To avoid the approving of some thousand审核, or, in general, certain courses will automatically be approved; the other fails to do, or, perhaps, make this sufficiently clear.

Courses for automatic approval are given in paragraph A, B, and C, for BA degree, and notes are made on paragraphs D, E, F, G. For the former, the main effect that stands out is the inclusion of "a formal and superficial knowledge of two languages" as essential for types of subjects courses. Except in the special circum-stances where a student feels he will be justified in appealing to the Committee (see later) students will need to have a certain degree of foreign language in their courses.

The three courses mean something like this:

If you take type A course, then you do six separate subjects instead of the two which are at present the basis of the BA course. One of these is to stage III only one other stage to II, and therefore four other stage I subjects must be taken. This course must include (a) English, (b) Philosophy, (c) a science or Geography or Maths, (d) a foreign language or a reading list taken from the syllabus of the following: Greek History and Art; Literature; History of Political Science; Economics; Education; Anthropology; Psychology.

If you take type B course, then you must do two as you would under the old scheme, but while one subject is done to stage III, two other subjects are done to stage II. You must include (a) and (d) from above. (By the way, two "reading knowledge" passages count as one unit.) Not more than seven units out of the nine can be subjects that include English.

Type C course also includes five subjects, but it means taking two stage III subjects—naturally, plus three other subjects to stage I. The foreign language requirement has been the restriction on not more than seven units being language subjects, and so on.

During 1960, course offered by the 1960 regulations are approved; this means that these new regulations will come into force from the start of the new year.

When they do, all other cases where the student can plead that he would suffer hardship by having to switch will be referred to a Committee consisting of the Pro-Vice-Chancellor and a few others from the Faculty, with the power to co-opt.

The whole thing at the moment is strictly "experimental." Sir Thomas Hunter said that the new scheme has been kept in mind in making the change-over will be "that no injustice must be done to any student, all because of the new schemes." He thought that a sudden change of syllabus language, as at AUC, was a mistake which penalised both students and schools. Therefore, the new course will not begin until the following year in 1960, and students would not begin under the new scheme this year. The change would probably come into force from January, 1951, but this is still to be decided.

Clearly, such a change-over means a lot of disturbance for institutions, for instance, the reading knowledge classes which would soon be become large. This could not be done by the Committee, but the students would have to decide first whether the language requirements would be insisted upon and if so, when the scheme would be enforced, so that some students could make provision for the change.

The Committee

The Committee is in seeing that no injustice is done to the student within obviously the Committee. Probably the decided member will be the class teacher concerned: the Principal will take a job, as he put it, of seeing that "the scales of justice are kept in balance." If every course must be approved, then students who wish to take any course other than those laid down in the new diagram, must put his case to the committee: this applies to BA and BSc courses.

It is more than probable that some students would start out under type A, and decide that they would prefer that under type B. Provision will be made for this change.

Mentioning type A recalls that the Principal was asked whether this course was only adventurously reminiscent of the "core curriculum" idea of the new PP syllabus. He answered that it is designed to give a general course which would, for example, be an excellent qualification for the general man not for teacher in secondary school. In the past, English has given a great specialisation newing a great deal about very little. This is a point that has been made against the new scheme: the students will not be as well balanced as they were under the old scheme.
A DOUBLE-HEADED PENNY?

WE ASK NO ONE'S FORGIVENESS for raising questions of student politics at this stage of the year: it is a matter of principle which cannot be passed over, and it will serve to underline the fact that Salient is not tied to any official executive line.

To refresh your memories, at last year’s election for the position of honorary secretary to the Association, the two candidates got exactly the same number of votes: they were each supported by 50 per cent. of the voters in the Association. As the constitution asks, the returning officer tossed a coin. He could have cast a vote himself, but this would have been less preferable. Now the executive, as one of its first actions, and again in accordance with the constitution, had to co-opt an assistant secretary. We, at the time, thought that it had no choice in the matter: there was a clear moral obligation to co-opt the other candidate (who had been ousted only on the toss of a coin).

We wish to make it quite clear that we are not indulging in any personalities. This is a matter of principle, and the executive should have seen it. They didn’t. It is quite irrelevant to consider the merits or failures of the persons who was selected: in fact, he was, and is, very capable indeed. But regardless of this, the "defeated" candidate had been already an elected member of the executive: he had been prominent in many student affairs; while the person appointed (again quite apart from personalities) had been defeated in an election for the executive. It can do no harm now to recall that the executive raised a motion of no-confidence on the issue at an E.G.M. purely by accident.

As it happened, the chance to remedy it arose when, at the beginning of this year, the secretary of the Association shifted to another town and resigned his position. Very properly, the executive decided that (with the annual report to prepare) his place should be filled by the now experienced assistant secretary—leaving that position again open.

And what happened? Again, the executive passed over the person who had clearly been given the support of half of the Association, who had already had experience as an elected member of the executive, and appointed someone else. To make the insult more studied the person appointed (and again we stress that we are not indulging in personalities) has been very little known in student affairs; in fact he is almost an unknown.

We have no quarrel personally with the executive. But they have acted foolishly twice—repeated what has already been: obviously a grave breach of principle. Some of them are probably as incensed about the thing as we are; but the majority must clearly stand judgment for it. The thing is done now, but certainly it must never be allowed to happen again, and an amendment to the constitution to prevent this juggling with personalities will have to be brought up at the next general meeting.

Twice, a majority of the executive has pointedly sacrificed principle for some question of personality—or some less excusable consideration. It raises a grave doubt whether a majority of the executive are fit to continue in office.

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CAPPICADE

THIS week’s Cappicade is now getting under weigh.

The editor was on last year’s committee of the Planning Committee. His Milc type, who has done a lot of grand work and distinguished himself practically all of the competitions Cappicade had last year. The fact that he will be editor this year is news to in-tending competitors, because he is out of the running for the full years.

These, by the way, are as for last year. There are the following competing types:

- For the best story—preferably a short one—entry must be supposed to be a funny paper. The reward is £5 for 1st, £2 for 2nd, and £1 for 3rd.
- For the best poem—ditto funny; the same prizes.
- For the best cartoon; again the same prizes.

The closing date for stuff will be the end of March. The editor can be contacted through the Biology Department, 46-546, ask for the Biology Dept; or if you have the copy ready now, leave it on the letter rack in the Men’s Common room.

CORIOLANUS

THE Drama Club will be staging the corr in the coming week, and perhaps Shakespeare’s "Coriolanus." English students especially will want to see it: but it should be worth while seeing for anyone.

The club publicity isn’t up to scratch, though the cast have tried to get an ad, which states expressly when they are on, we are still in the dark about the dates. It should be about the 19th.

Watch next week’s Salient and the notice boards.
ISS NEEDS YOU!

INTERNATIONAL: ISS covers most of Europe, S.E. Asia, N. and S. Africa, Japan, etc. The countries in Middle East and South America are not included, but attempts are being made to cover these countries.

Service: ISS is a practical body and less concerned with mere expression of opinion than with other international student bodies.

Early in February Dr. Wolanta, World Secretary of ISS paid a flying visit to New Zealand—at the end of his term in S.E. Asia. He spoke in the Women's Common Room at Victoria to a surprising large gathering.

In a talk, Mr. Robin Buntay, Secretary of ISS, explained that Dr. Wolanta is Swedish, was president of the Swedish National Union of Students, and is now General Secretary of ISS.

ISS was begun after the first World War. Dr. Wolanta told us, by students and professors as a means of providing material relief to the universities of Europe. Its limited funds came solely from students and university staff, and what Dr. Wolanta described as the principle of "help to self-help" areas. This meant finding active groups within needy countries who would put relief funds to good use. The exchange of information and ideas was found to be as important as the need for material relief. It was impossible to isolate big areas unless the groups were stimulated by contacts from other countries. Thus arose the other functions of ISS—Research into World University Problems and the encouragement of International Understanding.

ISS is pledged to support all efforts to better material conditions in the Universities and also to support all unification movements with the anti-racist, non-discriminatory race, nationally, politically or religious conviction. It continued to support all efforts in these countries, judged on the amount per student. Our charge on our special research work and voluntary services abroad, and college collections made. One such thing, I am sure, that all students can do immediately is start a special overseas university. For more information on this call at the exec. rooms.

In answer to a question Dr. Wolanta made some remarks about relief work in particular countries.

China: Material relief has been provided. The refugee center at Shanghai, Christian Union Students Union, and a group in the Philippines have been established. The Chinese refugees in the Philippines have received a great amount of financial support from abroad, including the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration. The Chinese government has also provided some assistance. In addition, a number of Chinese students have been sent abroad for further education.

Indonesia: Here there are two universities, the University of Indonesia, which is under Commonwealth control, and a Republican in Jogjakarta. Both are working under severe economic constraints. The Chinese government has given some assistance. In this country there is a place of clinical beauty, support for hostels, and for a small group working on the subject of health.

Burma: Here the government has supported the Chinese students. There are a number of refugees who have been unable to find work. The Chinese government has provided some assistance. In this country there is a place of clinical beauty, support for hostels, and for a small group working on the subject of health.

Pakistan: There are serious problems here, in the treatment of women and the partition. There is a considerable loss of teaching staff, but the government is trying to find a solution. The situation is difficult, but there are a number of refugees who have been able to find work. The Chinese government has provided some assistance. In this country there is a place of clinical beauty, support for hostels, and for a small group working on the subject of health.

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THROWING DOWN A GAUNTLET

This is a way of a challenge to see whether the sporting fraternity has any initiative left around Victory House. A sports council at VUC! It is so long ago that we can't find any records of its existence, but we do know that one such a council was a great idea at the moment.

Could we suggest that a member of the Executive of some sports club should convene a meeting of all sports club representatives to reconstitute a council on which all clubs could have a voice. The coordination of all efforts for all clubs could do a great deal to improve the standard of sports around the college, especially at tournaments. The council could perhaps help to arrange a sponsored escort in considering the merits of claims for club grants.

Anyhow, we need to go into a lengthy explanation of the reasons which would justify the establishment of a sports council—if you give me a matter a little thought, maybe you can think up reasons we haven’t found. We think up reasons we haven’t found. We will arrange these columns for a meeting to be convened. Well, what about it?—J.N.J.

**VUC Athletes Do Well In Summer Season**

**Victoria** has reason to be proud of her athletes; throughout the season the green and gold has forged ahead to become the premier club in the Wellington province.

At Auckland, Dave Batten performed with distinction to get third place in the 400-yards. At the National Championships he won both the 220 and the 440—the former in record time and only one-tenth of a second outside Mel Featherstone's effort in the Olympic Games. It was unfortunate that Dave could not add to this effort at the Empire Games, as his time was faster than that of Johna Gichner.

Another member of the club who performed well was the National Champs was Helen Burr, who was placed third in the women’s high jump. She was unlucky not to be picked for the Games team as, with correct coaching, she would not have been extended to get in the first six. Barbara Hill, Ewen Hyslop and Ian Linschen all competed at the New Zealand Boys, and their efforts would have given them places in other lists.

Another notable performer at Napier was Des Kelly (now at O.U.) he will be working for us at Christchurch and should be a good even but in the-mile walks.

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While wandering along Lambton Quay the other day, your sports editor spotted two of the English England teams, so they were rapidly engaged in conversation. Asked what he thought they would comment on the English team, he said that was the Varsity rowing here with the English standard, they were almost a disaster. There were no Varsity reps among the New Zealand Government rowing team.

This seems to be a very poor reflection on rowing in New Zealand universities; we here issue a plea to the rowing types here to get down to some serious stuff.

We proved eventually at the conclusion that sports here is otherwise college SCM also as in England—after they had extensively interviewed your sports editor.

**COPY!**

**How to do it in one easy lesson**

"Salient" will publish anything which is (a) grammatical, (b) readable, (c) not libellous or markedly indecent and (d) not too long, on practically any subject under the sun which could be considered of interest to students.

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"Salient" room is off the second floor of the gym, and copy may be left there, or on the letter racks in the Common rooms or the Executive room—at the end of the gym veranda. It should be addressed to the Editor.

Letters which fulfill the same conditions will be published and will be welcome. They shouldn't exceed 200 words if possible.

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