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TOURNAMENT AT CHRISTCHURCH \nEASTER UPEHAVAL

ONE AGAIN VICTORIA goes South in its unending quest for the Tournament Shield! All teams travel by the rail trip from 10 to 16 April, and on the Thursday night. It will be possible for some to travel back by Tuesday daylight but they will miss the grand finale on Tuesday night-Tournament Ball!!

In the next few days, if you see any of the rather perplexed young men crowding round the college grounds in the small hours of the morning or doing a fancy dance with a sheaf of papers and a typewriter, treat them gently. They are the Exec. Tournament secretaries.

We have representatives in Cricket, Swimming, Athletics, Outdoor Basketball, Defence Rifles, and Tennis. Please let us not see the WOODEN SPOON again, Victoria. Vidi, vidi, vidi, vidit, vidita!

ATHLETICS

VUC has a strong team this year, with several provincial and many near champions.

Barbara Hill is one introduction. An NZU blue for four years, she holds VUC records for the 220 and 440 yds, also the VUC record for the 100 yds. He was selected in the New Zealand team for the Empire Games, and holds the New Zealand record for the 200 yds.

Dave reached the semi-final of the 220 and ran third in the final of the 440. He has represented Wellington in the 440 yds and in the 200 yds. Although he has not played in the 200 yds for some time, he is one of the best in the country. He is a strong contender for the title in the 440 yds.

D. K. Kelly is a former National Junior champion in the 100 yds. He is second in the three miles and third in the six miles. He is one of the best three-mile runners in the country. He is a strong contender for the title in the six miles.

I. L. Lintape has reached 140 ft in the discus. He was second in this event in the provincial Games trials in the Provincial Champs. He came second in the discus and third in the hammer, and in a night meeting at the Hutt was placed second in the discus.

G. J. Barnard holds VUC records for the 440 yds and high jump. He won the Provincial mile title this season.

J. McLeish has been steadily improving, despite lack of competition, over the last year. He won the Provincial title convincingly.

I. L. Lintape, NZU Blue, 1949, is a good all round field events man. He was second in the hop, skip and jump in the Provincial trials and third in the championship.

A. Marshall, NZU Blue, 1948, turns on consistent good performances with the shot. He won the Provincial trials and was second in the championship. He is a strong contender for the title in the shot.

Barbara Hill, NZU Blue, 1946, won the Provincial trials and represented Wellington at Napier where she reached the final of the 100 yds. She placed third in the 220 yds and against English women at Napier, held her own. She is a strong contender for the title in the 200 yds.

Helehe Burr, NZU Blue, 1949, holds VUC and NZU records in the women's high jump. First in this event at the Provincial trials and third at the National trails and championships at Napier. Retained Provincial title in 1949, 1950, and third at Canterbury inter-provincial meeting, and against Mrs. Tyler at the Basin.

I. Brewer and J. Riseborough have some good performances to their credit over the half-mile, Brewer being placed third in the Provincial trials. The two top performers over the mile and three miles are Goodwin, Turnham and Smith. The last two being Massey types.

The women's relay team should be among the best again, with Barbara Hill, Julie Hunt and some promising talent from Massey.

DEFENCE RIFLES

AT the beginning of the 1949-50 season the club embarked on a campaign to increase its membership by sending circuses to all those students who had stated on their Students' Association cards that they were interested in shooting.

The results were very encouraging and we started the season with good hall and depotiers, which dropped however, over the vacation, as was to be expected with many of the members living out of Wellington.

There was a good muster for the Army Qualification Shoot and seven of the club members are now classed as marksmen, while fourteen men are qualified shot.

The A Grade team is well up in the local Union Indoor competitions, and the C Grade team is giving a good account of itself. Eight members entered a WRA competition and seven were in the prize money, as all of the three members who entered the NRA competition. The WRA 1000 yard competition was won by one of our members. Members are looking forward to the Hasting field competition at Easter Tournament, and the annual Massey-Victoria match to be held in May.

We are disappointed that so far no freshmen have joined the club. If you are interested all you have to do is catch a Brown Owl or Upper Hut bus to Trentham Military Camp Road and walk down to the range. Prone leave at 12.30 and 1.30 p.m. every Saturday. The fare is only 2/6 return.

So roll up and enjoy an afteroon and loot with the WUDC. Accurate club rifles are available and all ammunition is only one penny per round, obtainable from the club at the range.


BOXING

SOON Victoria's pugilistic plenipotentiaries will be setting forth on their annual mission. Prospects seem bright, and we hope they will be able to return, with the boxing shoes. Charlie Keith got the boys training early, so after attuning themselves to their fitness and technique. Though unable to fill all weights our prospects are good in some. We do feel the loss of some last year fighters. Our team is as follows—Middleweight: R. STREET. An experienced fighter. Powerful yet graceful. Welterweight: B. M. MURNAGH. Another experienced fighter with dynamite left hook and right hand LIGHTWEIGHT: B. B. BULL. Strong, quick. Should do well. Featherweight: L. D. SHARP. This year's "find." Agile, packs a punch.

TENNIS

SAME with the tennis people, we haven't heard much from them. According to the Exec. Delegated's list the following are in the team:—Anne Walker, Juliet Burrell, Bill Frischat, Bice Young, Gill Potted, Harold Titter, Janet Young, Bal Reddy.

DES DOWSE

PRESENT N.Z.U. 220 BREASTSTROKE CHAMPION

CRICKET

THE only team we have been able to get hold of is a team of ten. (Note: the rules for the older boys: 1. H. D. MURRAY, P. C. MURRAY, B. COWEN, D. O'KEEFE, M. E. MURPHIE, D. McCLOED, R. F. PHILLIPS, J. M. MEAD, D. DEAN, D. WELCH, D. H. BLACKWOOD, S. L. SPIERS.

URGENT

THERE are still about 10 tittles available to anyone who wants to travel south with the tournament teams. Get in touch with Les Sinclair, or once you are interested.

WOMEN'S OUTDOOR BASKETBALL

THE tournament team is as follows—Phyllis Aswin, Betty Dibble, Iola Edgar, Barbara Edwards, Sue Francis, Dorothy Grennell, Shirley Hickey, Hilda Hooks, and Hilda Spencer. May fluke a win.

WATER BALLET

A GAIN we leave Wellington at Easter to compete for VUC. This time we have no idea what has happened. Firstly, there is an all-time low in the girls. Secondly, a brighter aspect, as we are sending a strong and capable team, one that played together all the season.

Of the three girls that have been picked, JEANETTE MURRAY probably has the best chance of gaining a place. Her style in breaststroke and butterfly events especially supported by DICK SIDDLE. He is at present training very hard and setting a fine example to the rest of the team. PIP PIPER is diving again and competing in the medley and 440 yds freestyle. A new comer to Varsity sport is L. J. LADORNET, the best exponent of the 100 yds free style. I do not think VUC has seen a year for fencing. A fine distance swimmer in the 100 yds backstroke and 440 yds freestyle, has been added to the team, together with PETE TARRANT to win in the water competition.

WATER POLO TEAM

FRANK GAIN: Goalkeeper. Has the advantage of two season's experience. Fits in well with rear attack.

KEN HANCOCK: Back. Newcomer to team but has had season's solid work. Throws the ball cleanly and accurately.

MARTIN SMITH: Back. Latest addition to team but very useful player. Good man in close play.

Piper: Centre-half. Often plays centre-forward; backs out forward well; consistent goal- keeper.

Jim Scott: Centre-forward and half. Very clever player; dangerous in attack. Played for all-England University team last year.

Petie Tarrant: Forward. Excellent player on attack and score freely. Probably the hardest back cleaner in the water.

PETE TARRANT: Forward. A very hard-working and determined player. Combines well with other forwards and rattles opposition frequently.

Dave Law: Forward. The biggest player in the team and has not the least. A very solid young player who comes in the goal net every time he scores.

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THE NEXT TARGET

IT IS A PITTY that the college, with so many part-timers, lacks the cohesion and sense of unity which would enable it to recognize fully the reaching of the Student Union Building Fund target.

As we point out elsewhere in passing, the appeal for money for this Student Union Building has been going now for over thirty years. The largest percentage of students whose effort and money has gone into this appeal have been unsatisfied enough to realize that they should work even though they would never see the end-product of all the striving.

It is a very big achievement, and the erection of the building—when it is finally raised—will add a lot to the sense of nebulousness which pervades the students of Victoria. A home of their own will do much to act as a centre of activity and feeling. It would be easy for so many to sit back and say that the target has been reached, the building can now proceed—all’s right with the world.

But there is still a great deal to be done before Victoria can even cope adequately with the numbers at the moment. Since the war, the roll numbers have pretty nearly doubled; the accommodation has been extended by a few huts. There is no need for us to point out to you how crowded the limited facilities of the college are—you must know only too well. The urgent need is for new buildings—new lecture rooms, new staff accommodation (the present chaotic staff rooming is appalling), new space for the activities which should go on in a university.

The achievement of this pretty state of affairs must be our next goal. The Council, the staff, the principal and most others concerned are aware of the problem. Students who are here now may never see or never use the buildings which must be raised. But we have got to work for this.

—D.G.

LATEST ON EXTRAV.

AT the time we go to press the latest information available is that the Exec. met last Sunday to consider a report from Dave Cohen representing the Student Union Selection Committee. Three important things were decided: 1. A script was selected; but important amendments were to be made to it. 2. It is probable that Extrav will take place in the 1st week of the May vacation; if not this, then the 2nd week.

The selected script will have to be amended ready by Monday, April 3. The next nine days will be taken up in typing the script and printing it for general distribution.

This will go four complete week-ends and Anne Day to complete with—not too long and not too short for the average Extrav, competitor.

This year it will be advised for controllers and cast to remember not to follow the example of last year. The time and effort taken by everyone was not worth the profit that was made on the show—only £50. It is probable that a little austerity in some departments and a more widely circulated advertising scheme will help in this direction.

—F.

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SIR,

Will you grant me space to rant and ridicule on the subject of the Student Union Building?

Regarding rooms for clubs, I regard this as serious and momentary, as such rooms once the first flush of enthusiasm has passed, tend to become more receptacles for mouldering rubbish. Rather a room or rooms with amply proportioned lockers fro the use of clubs, together with possibly four rooms well equipped, of sufficient size to accommodate 100 people, these to be available for club functions. For activities needing greater seating accommodation the hall should be available.

The provision of a canteen is a feature of paramount importance and should receive the most earnest consideration and forethought. It should, I suggest, be of the most modern design and apparatus, for it may be required to do service for the next 100 years. It should feature a milk bar for all hours service, (WPDY might be asked to have seconded to us a native American soda jerk to warrant the payment of our affiliation fee.)

Finally I would regard the installation of a large lift as a vital necessity in a building of the proposed dimensions. I take it that the new building for the future, and this structure will demonstrate that the academic progress still thrives in our academic surroundings. Modern equipment within, we are more bound to supply, to justify a modern college.

Trusting that our successors may not live to curse us for being hide-bound and lacking in foresight I am yours,

C. Breeze.

Do It Now

SIR,—The idea for a Students' Association Bookshop in the new Stud. Aaa. building is an excellent one. But the Stud. Aaa. Building will not materialize for some time. This means that unless something is done we will be in exactly the same position next year, the year after and possibly longer.

Therefore I suggest the Stud. Aaa. take this opportunity to obtain details of the books which will be required next year, together with estimates from the Heads of Departments of the number of students likely to be requiring them and forward them to the Students' Association Bookshop.

If given time I am sure that these people would take reasonable steps to order the books required in sufficient numbers so that this desirable position will be at least partially alleviated.

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NOTICE

DUE to the intervention of the Easter holidays there will be no issue of "Salient" next Thursday, April 6. The next issue will appear on the Thursday after Easter, April 13.

WELLINGTON CELEBRATES

World Youth Week

Led by the Waterside Junior Band, and with remarkable little preparation, members of the Wellington association to the World Federation of Democratic Youth marched with a banner in support of peace, higher bursaries for students and daylight training for apprentices, from the Government Printing to the Public Library last Friday night. Members of the Wellington Students' Association, the Progressive Youth League, and the Cadet Force were present in varying numbers. Many passers-by took a friendly interest in the procession, some called out encouraging remarks, and a few joined in.

After the procession had dispersed, participants made their way to the St John's Ambulance Hall in Vivian St., where a most successful dance was held, M.C.—Mr George Goddard. Celebrations were a great deal better than in previous years, but we trust that 1951 will be able to put on an even better show. World Youth Week has a great tradition. Founded in 1943 by the World Youth Council—war-time professor of WPDY—World Youth Week was set as the first week in the European calendar of the aspirations and energies of the new generation. It is the annual occasion for rededication to the cause of world peace and perhaps a better life for the young of all the world.

WHEN IN TOWN

Salient

THURSDAY, MARCH 30, 1950.

ANTICIMAX

Dr. Balston has undoubtedly improved the tone and balance of the Orchestra especially in the rearrangement of the basses and brass. There were times, most of all in the Vaughan Williams, when we were unreasonably glad that the old order had gone—for their tone would have ruined it. Balston’s economy of gesture in conducting seems to be very effective, and the whole orchestra is much more a unity.

But the programming for this concert anyway, was bad.

The Vaughan Williams Sixth is an impressive and exciting work—the sort of thing which makes one wish that it could be repeated at the end of the programme. It has a most unusual arrangement. It is very strong, and almost sadistic in parts. It tends to a climax in the second movement with the relentless repetition of the trumpet figure. Eighty end in a whole thoughtful epilogue. The orchestra hung together well through most of this, but at the climax in the moderate section was there any hint of the old style for supremacy between strings and brasses? There was no first movement and the depth of the varying shadings with the descending scale and quiet last movements, gave no hint of any of this quality in the Vaughan Williams power to handle a major work.

After this, the Mendelssohn could have been a reminder that romanticism has its appeal and its effect on the orchestra was well balanced throughout, and, whatever the spirit of the concert, the soloists were of the same level of expectancy. The symphony—appeared to be hammering his way through. Perhaps the exaggerated gesture, the grandiose sweep, the floating head and the dramatic drop of the arm as the orchestra took over were not intentional striving for effect; and the somewhat smug look of the soloist in the centre of attraction may have been accidental. But the Mendelssohn couldn’t save the effect of the concert for one of the audience. The soloist’s technical skill was made more pointed occasion the soloist’s obvious lack of control which made the Joli-de-vivre which could have made the romanticism more moving. But the soloist’s impressionism was as boring as moving.

The Leonora No. 3 was not well enough done for the opening of the (Continued at foot of column 1.)

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ROWING CLUB

LATELY, serious training has been a matter of every morning at 5.45 a.m. and also in the evening if water conditions are favourable. The Club has been a bit unkindly because it draws so many of its members from other town clubs, most of whom find their activities later than usual this year after the Empire Games. The eight crew are chosen and are shaping well—they will have had a race together on 22nd April in the White Horse race. So far, the four have not had this success in a row—partly because they have to rely on the generosity of the Star Club for a boat. They could really do with a four-shifter if we are to take a proper place in Tournament rowing.

Among the members from whom the crews will be selected are:

Dave Horsely—stroke—held the position last year, and came from the Wanganui club.

Wilt Taylor—a junior oar and another from Wellington. (A good bet for the Double Sculls, with his partner.)

Paul Sudler, who rowed in last year’s eight. From Star.

Bruce Wyn, from the same club. Formerly of West End, and has been an A.U.C. rep.

Mark Pownall—has been a V.U.C. rep in fours and eights.

Dennis French—From Star—has regained C.U.C.

Ivan Vodanovich—a recent gain from Cants. Has been an A.U.C. rep, in eights, once as a stroke.

Les Smith—Star—has rowed at Tournament twice before in fours and double sculls.

Wyn Heal—a junior who will probably in the double sculls and will be in the fours.

Paul Cotton—Star—first year at Tournament, and will be in the fours.

Ted Abraham—learned his rowing at Wanganui.

John Talsdny—will probably be in the fours.

Charlie Harkin, who rowed in last year’s fours.

“Paddy” Webb—a junior oar who has had no experience since being in the S.C.U. programme, but though he certainly showed the improvement of the after-effects he definitely had to race on Saturday when Vaughan Williams had his stroke. He was second to race on Monday when the digestion. We found ourselves listening to rowers in the concert party on the last half of the programme while the last number was played. The life of the Vaughan Williams hung like a guilty conscience round the hall.

—D.C.
Ron Smith reports on WFDY Congress

YOUNG GENERATION DETERMINED FOR PEACE

The World Federation of Democratic Youth's 2nd World Youth Congress in Budapest was a demonstration second only to the Partisan Congress of the desire of ordinary people for peace. There were 387 delegates and 97 observers from 72 countries, and every speaker emphasized the importance of the struggle for peace. This is a special report to "Salient" from Ron Smith, VUC graduate, and leader of the New Zealand delegation to the Congress.

We met in the lovely new Palace of Hungarian Parliament. It was a week of hard work—the beautiful national costumes of the previous week's Festival were put into cold storage—and we struggled to listen to all the speeches, get copies of all material issued, attend all meetings, and meetings (eg. Indonesian and Russian) in which we were especially interested, and write reports home.

Unity

"As speaker after speaker mounted the rostrum, from David Busby of the Canadian Student Christian Movement to Mikhail of the Soviet Komzamos, one felt the power and confidence of youth to prevent war and to open the paths of a peaceful and abundant future to the young of all peoples of the world."

Words cannot describe the enthusiasm with which the delegates supported WFDY policy, and greeted outstanding figures in the fight for its achievement. The youth of China, struggling for literacy, health and higher living standards, were led by Hisao Hua, youthful General in the LiberationArmy. The Chinese were the friendliest of all the delegates.

From Britain, straight from six weeks in prison, came Alan Leicester. He served sentence for protesting at the U.S. Embassy in London at the statement of Congressmen Cannon: "In the next war, as in the last, let us equip soldiers from other nations, and let them send their boys into the holocaust instead of sending our own boy's." The American delegation, 39 strong, was led by a negro automo-bile factory worker.

Then there were the Russian Komzamos—Ivan Kozhushk, war-time hero; Alexander Shakhov, young, tough blacksmith from Kuz-netz, leader in industry; and Sergei Nenogorski, Doctor of Mathematics and Professor at the Erevan University at 21!

I shared a hostel with the Canadian delegation, with young men and girls from Crylon, Iran and Irak.

Peace

"The Congress was not limited to Budapest. Its most significant feature of the festival before it, was the fuller mobilisation of youth organizations all over the world. All of the Peace Committees worked for months, fired by the spirit of the Special Congress for Peace Congress from Norway to the Argentine, from China to Viet Nam, and even far away New Zealand."

"There is room here to quote only one example. In Australia, supported by the Eureka Youth League, studying and young workers united in one committee, Christian, Jew, Arab, meeting, petition, rallies. Two hundred and ninety people sent 113 delegates from all corners of the country to Canberra, where they protested to the Government at the decline in living standards, at the White Australian policy which is used to de-humanise Australians and their brothers in Asia, and at the policy of exploiting the Aboriginals."

"They also protested to the Dutch and French legislatures at proportions which were unprecedented in the history of East Asia, and against the British High Commissioner at the military terror in Malaysia.

"Result: A firmer unity of young forces, and the programme of WFDY and enthusiasm for the Congress and Festival. This was the pattern all over the globe."

(Co to be continued)

Coriolanus

WHAT attitude are we to take to Shakespearean productions in New Zealand? Should we criticise or condone? Are we to accept them merely because the performance of Shakespeare is often presented in a highly commercial be above criticism, or should we view them simply as plays whose entertainment value may be compared with that of any other play? Too many people, I feel, lack a standard against which to judge these productions, and accept what they see as being good instead of exercising any particular scrutiny. Also, we appear to have a tradition of Shakespearean acting, handed on, no doubt, by which to judge New Zealand productions which have seen the performance of Coriolanus was well planned. The staging was interesting. The scenery could have been better except in the last scene with its waving curtains. For the acting, throughout a large part of the play the actors took from the stage. The scene at the beginning of the last two acts impressed one as being sincere and impressive. Here we had people simply speaking to one another as individuals and not as if they were addressing a public meeting. Maureen Rossmore's playing with Coriolanus was very effective. The players in their pauses in her delivery gave a dramatic tenor to only be equalled in the last scene of the play where Klaus Neuberg as Ausidius watches Coriolanus fall and die. In these scenes we saw action in its full meaning. Paul Treadwell as Coriolanus, was not positive enough in his portrayal of a young leader, torn by the con-lict of conscience and family pride. To my mind, the generals, Coriolanus and Ausidius, were more prominent than Coriolanus in depth of characterisation. It is on the character of Coriolanus that the whole plot rests, and, if we are not made aware of his psychological struggle, the rest of the play is comparatively meaningless. The sound scenes were well organised in the matter of group spirit and reaction. It is interesting to note how modern ideas of tableau grouping —ie, having a well designed group for each moment of the play—but this, at times, did lead to theatrical gymnastics when each player endeavoured to find his correct placing.

I do not think it is a wise policy to present plays for public performance in which the acting of the minor characters is at such disparity with that of the principals. The tribunes, the soldiers and thechorus were well-disciplined, did not have the necessary ability to carry the play in the manner of the lead roles. In order to put a bold face on for the paying public it would perhaps be better to present plays with a 'small able cast than those with half a dozen people, while gaining stage experience, nevertheless directed by their lack of technique from the dramatic whole.

I do not wish to be unduly critical as I can appreciate the vast amount of work that must have gone into the preparation of this production and credit is due to the producer and the cast. But a little more "making haste slowly" might well be applied to the Victoria College Drama Club!"

Sports Council

It is essential that this body be formed immediately. The reason is that the building fund has reached its target and can be drawn on for the Students' Association Building. Once this has been done, the Council can put forward recommendations as to what events they will want. In cases when the new building will still be needed the building fund can be used in its stead.

The Sports Council sends in a report stating that all clubs but the Rugby Union plan to use their clubs at 11 pm. And that all clubs there will be a fair better chance of getting what you want, as the students with the highest 'S表' will have super-vised what overlap there is in clubs requirements.

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