Dr Williams Speaks Out

THE CHILLING GRASP

"The history of the colleges is a history of a struggle to cast off the chilling grasp of the dead hand of the University of New Zealand."—

Dr. Williams' address to the nurses in which he spoke out against the anachronistic university organisation in New Zealand is encouraging to students who, for so long, have been dissatisfied with the present administration. Salient's plea for student representation on the Senate will become obsolete if this far too radical and satisfactory change is supported by the University Colleges themselves and student organisations. In the meantime student representation should be insisted on.

The reply which this address provoked from the Vice-Chancellor did not add anything to the case for removing the cumbersome University of New Zealand. To plead that the University of New Zealand was responsible for numbers of brilliant men is irrelevant trifling.

Students who have had anything to do with the University of New Zealand will support Dr. Williams very strongly. An organisation representing the Universities themselves may be necessary for the discussion of common problems but as Dr. Williams said the time has now come to eliminate the Colleges and Universities in their own right. The University of New Zealand is too far removed from students and staff to be serving any use as the nominal examining body of New Zealand's 10,000 students.

THE COLD DEAD HAND

SALIENT Extends a WELCOME to our 300 Guests and Wishes Them Happy Hunting

POETRY READING

"POST" CRITIC DROWNS

With both Baxter and Brocke on the same programme at the Library on Thursday, it was almost inevitable that the "Evening Post" reporter would be completely baffled by the display of poetical talent. To call the "poetry" stupid and childish is to mislead the country's population with the comparison, but it is certain that it must be one of the most pretentious pieces of journalism to have appeared in a Wellington newspaper for many years.

Our poets are informed that "they would hold their own amongst" a few more local and topical touchers. The obvious example of poetry based on this formula is the well-known lyric, "A Man on Lamingtons," by one of New Zealand's finer poets by "Evening Post" standards, Dr. Parker Davies. We must admit that James R. Baxter who was more concerned with the classical muse than with the way his audience live their lives would indeed progress with some tutorage from Dr. Davies and the "Evening Post".

Leaving the "Post" to its stage set book, we may now attempt to make coherent the remaining strands of what the reviewer has left of the day's reading. The readings from Spencer, Maxwell, Shakespeare, and Wordsworth were well chosen, but although John Parker's confident, capable delivery did justice to the poems and the audience, Anton Vogt did not seem entirely at ease with the Wordsworth readings. But while in the second half of the programme he read six stanzas from his own "Don Juan in New Zealand" he sounded much healthier in the lighter vein. Baxter's readings from Dennis Glover's "Blind Harry" sequence were very effective—as perhaps the "Evening Post" aimed. However, the dialectical subtleties of Dennis Glover's "Blind Harry" completely confounded Allanair Campbell as far as reading the poem went, and completely confused the audience as far as listening to it went. Any sincere poet qualities that Pat Wilson's "The Tree" possessed were completely destroyed by an unfortunately incapecable reading and it must be admitted that although he is a fine poet Allanair Campbell definitely is not a good poet reader. In contrast James R. Montjoy's warm readings of a good selection from MacNeice's "Collected Poetry" were well received.

The second half of the programme opened with a zombie-like reading by Harry Millichoke of some of his own verse and a poem by Glen Haworth. Lyster Paul, having read a good published poetry, Louis Johnson commenced with a new poem "The Golden Apples". Unfortunately Mr. Johnson's was rather inadequate and he could not convey the music to his audience.

Peter Druett's reading of his own translation from Hulse was very well received. Although we are not qualified to judge the quality of the translation, he read well in the way and to him which Druett's dominating might seem hammy in some places. To have to follow Druett was a great disadvantage but Baxter stood up to the test of reading some recently written poems. A cash collection paid the rent and a good time was had by all.

H.

To All Readers

OUR 500 Tournament guests will each receive a copy of this issue of Salient. Several items have therefore been held over for later publication. All material so far received will be published except a few understandably anonymous outbursts.

Salient now has 450 subscribers and owing to printing costs only a limited number over 450 will be printed. In order to be sure of your weekly copy take out a subscription—18 issues (including a special of eight pages)—will cost you £1 6s, but if you buy singly the total cost will be 4d.

More club news will appear now that special issues are out of the way.

If you want a set of all the issues for last year please leave your name at Salient's table.

H.

THE EDITOR

Tournament Ball

All Students Welcome

Buy Your Programmes and Watch The Notice Boards For Club Activity

RIPLEY JR.
GOOD LUCK

Salient wishes all the college teams the very best of luck and the most possible wins. To all the visiting teams a welcome and a very good time.

This is a Jubilee Tournament and all students of this College should be at as many of the functions as possible, making sure that our three hundred visitors have as enjoyable an Easter as it is possible for us to give them.

No Ill-will but Frankness

We think it ought to be made clear that the controversy between the more wide awake members of the staff, various students and Salient is being carried on, at least on Salient's part, with no desire to cause any ill-will. Any mistakes of fact or report are not made intentionally.

This whole matter is a difficult one and pat solutions are not possible. Nevertheless discussion is long overdue. Salient has been reporting and suggesting reforms in course and approach for at least twelve years. This is the first time there has been any response from the staff. We are that much encouraged.

STOCKS LOW

The difficulties which the Tournament organisers experienced in arranging billets for 300 students should be a sound indication to all that the College is not held highly in the City.

It is time the Council took stock with a view to improving this regrettable position without imperilling the right of the students and the College to express their opinions.

M.F.Mel.

Are the Staff Failures?

Do you think lectures could be improved?
Do you think Salient is wrong—or right?
Three staff members will debate three students:
"That the staff of this College are failing in their duty as university teachers."
Dr. Williams will be the judge—and so will you.
The subject will be opened to speakers from the floor.

In the LITTLE THEATRE
Friday, April 8th—8 o'clock

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Salient Slugged

Sir,—In the first issue of your paper there was an article intimating that the College had decided to set down in writing the students' opinion of Salient. It was with the first issue. There was much to commend the variety of topics covered and the valuable information for first year students, written in an interesting style with a certain amount of humour.

On reading the issue, I, like many other freshmen, decided that Salient was well worth subscribing to, and therefore subscribed to the next issue. But what a change! One had reason to doubt whether it was published by the same body of students. However there was nothing to do but browse through it and hope for a comeback in the next issue. Far from it; the majority of issues were worse than the second, dealing solely with Congresses at Oxford, Haunted and sundry other places. I think that the decision was reached of sufficient interest to warrant the application of the term "slugged". Moreover, the views put forward were to a large extent mere repetition of opinions previously expressed by more competent speakers.

Surely articles more closely connected with Victoria University itself would have far greater appeal. One suggestion is that the sports results of the Varsity teams be reported and the activities of the various clubs be given a wider coverage.

In conclusion, I would be interested to know whether a special salient meeting for freshmen advertised in your first issue for early in the term, has been held yet. Hoping your paper regains the standard set in the first issue, with a larger variety of topics.

EX ALMA MATER

Medical Scheme Again?

Dear Sir,—I was very pleased to note when reading the Students' Association is taking a keen interest in the state of this year's parks health. Yet much too much is being done to protect the health of the University at this size, and yet it has not been started here. Canterbury College has had a mass X-ray scheme going for four years and it has been a success. There is a high rate of tuberculosis in students these days. The scheme could be immensely in locating TB before it has had too far. I can watch for this personally for as I was fortunate enough to be found, by the scheme, to have TB, even after having been passed by the Army at six weeks. Two years in a sanatorium was my penalty for not being found early enough. And one else who is found out is a TB sufferer can still have things to do and be now. It is not an easy thing to be a TB sufferer, but it is better to be sure than sorry.

T.B. OR NOT T.B.?

Our Controversy?

Dear Sir,—Here is your controversy. It is the only one.
All talk of the high cost of living is without foundation for the following reasons:
1. Numerous students arrive to lecture by motor bike and car, and some lecturers even, can afford them.
2. John P. Public spends a million pounds at race meetings in the U.S., and they are not far from the race course.
3. There are more policemen and their girl friends pay a similarly large amount to bewerries and so forth that they can become sufficiently

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film

We Want a Child

Shortly to be screened in Wellington is one of the most entertaining and frank films of the year. The views of overseas church and medical authorities, who were loud in their condemnation, are coupled by those similar local authorities who attended the premiere of 'We Want a Child.' These views can be summed up by saying that every adult should see this film.

The film deals with the desire of a young couple for children. Unfortunately as a result of pre-marital abortion, the wife finds that she is unlikely that she will ever have a child. Eventually she discovers that she is pregnant and she and her husband are overjoyed. At this point the film becomes factual, dealing with pre-natal care culminating in the actual birth of a child. The film begins with a marriage and ends with a birth. Side by side with the romance of the married couple is the romance of a girl with a married man. Inevitably she abandons her and leaves her to face the future as an unmarried mother.

The two stories show what misery can be caused by ignorance and misguided knowledge. The subjects of abortion, childbirth, etc., are dealt with frankly and sensitively and therefore should be seen by all those who hope some day to have children of their own.

This film, which was produced in Denmark, received the Gold Medal at the Venice Film Festival of Europe's most outstanding film of the year. After its London premiere the film will be subtitled in English so as to convey all the meaning. This film is a "must" for all students.

D.E.D.

E.U.

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On second thoughts, will it be just the cost of loving that is too high?

DON JUAN
Prof. Bailey Says:

Women Study Too Much

I t a recent lecture, "Methods of Study," Professor Bailey discussed several matters which should be of interest not only to students, but adults generally.

According to past experience, he said, much of the examinations sat by those listening to him was to be found in the failure to readjust one's self after the end of the secondary school life to the freedom of University study. This failure to adopt study methods suitable for this level was serious.

A few points he made were:

1. Know your syllabus. One college was quoted on how many students who tried to read without a calendar. Textbooks were vital: reliance on notes alone was suicidal.

2. If considering progressing in a certain subject, note the following stages:

3. Own your own books, thus be able to score them. The sight of the "immaculate textbook" was a pitiful one.

4. Work out a study timetable at least a week ahead, and keep to it. This failure was shown by one case in point, the overwhelming sense of "too much to do."

5. In taking lecture notes, do not attempt to get down every word, even every idea. Preliminary reading was necessary to read through one's notes after the lecture.

6. In reading textbooks, skim quickly through the whole first, then read through both not to ignore the Introduction or the Index.

7. Studying conditions were matters for the individual student. One must decide what is and is not important.

8. Many old ideas restated here, certainly, but none which would not provide food for thought for someone.

ATHLETICS

The following team has been selected to represent V.U.C. in athletics: Eather Tournament, Miss A. E. Hill, 75yds., 100yds., 220yds.; relay; Miss G. G. Nyberg, 55yds., 100yds., relay; Miss R. J. Burr, high jump, broad jump, relay; D. W. Hawke, 200yds., 220yds., sprint relay; H. W. Battle, 100yds., 220yds., broad jump, long jump, relay; M. R. Hilly, 440yds. mile relay; A. G. Hulse, 440yds. mile relay; N. W. Bowering, 880yds., 1 mile mile; M. R. Dreyfus, 880yds.; F. Joyce, 1 mile; T. Beaglehole, 3 miles; D. C. Green, 1 mile; G. McLevy, 220yds. and 440yds.; N. N. Rodley, 880yds. and 1 mile. Relay team: G. Hulme, 880yds.; high jump; G. T. Young, high jump; D. C. Chalmers, sprint relay; T. H. Martin, mile relay.

For all events no nomination or entry has been made because of the low standard in these events. V.U.C.

The women's relay team is still one athlete short and it is very doubtful whether T. Lisienko, N.Z. discus champion, is eligible.

The prospects of V.U.C. being successful in the tournament in athletics judged on the form shown at Inter-Faculty Sports and during the season. Very poor indeed, in fact, appears to be the case. Apart from Dear Lisienko, there is not one athlete certain of winning an N.Z.U. title.

Once again the strength of the women's athletic team will depend on the performances of Barney hill and Helen Burr; both of whom now find it difficult to see the time through. With Mary Falco, N.Z. women's high jump champion, completing the V.U.C. team, Helen will need to be at the top of her form to retain the N.Z.U. high jump title.

In the men's athletics, V.U.C. will be up against the heavy opposition, with some really hard training between now and Easter; several members of the team could gain points for the College. Both Des. Hawke and Brian Bates will reach the finish in the sprints; Malcolm Hannah may find Johnnie Myers (O.U.) too tough in the 440yds. and 1 mile mile. It is questionable if the V.U.C. is capable of bettering the N.Z.U. Blues standard. Neville Bowering will run good races in the 880yds. and mile and may even extend Jim Parcell (C.U.C.); John McLevy is a good hurdlr but not fast enough between obstacles to win an N.Z.U. title; T. McEwan, who won an N.Z.U. Blue for athletics in 1949 has a good chance of being the first V.U.C. athlete to be selected for an N.Z.U. team in athletics.

In the relays V.U.C. has two good teams and prospects are bright for a win in the mile relay.

Averse to Verse?

NEW ZEALAND poetry seems to be gaining in interest both in public in heaps and bounds. At the time of the last poetry reading the Library Hall was filled to overflowing. And now at Vic another group for the study and appreciation of poetry has been formed. Last year two small groups met weekly to discuss the modern English poets; this year it was decided that our own New Zealand poets deserve a certain amount of discussion. This group (which meets 2.30 every Wednesday) is not a haven for the specialist with his abstruse technicalities but a group composed of people who have one or two problems they want to discuss, who want to understand our own poetry more fully, and for the person interested in that type of poetry not commonly dealt with in lectures—Greene's and Stevens, Medieval lyrics, American verse, and such. It is a small friendly group who are each one prepared to contribute to the discussion, the discussion does not pretend to great knowledge, but who at least will make an effort to get an understanding of the poetry. The group has already discussed the work of Louis Johnson, Allsitter Campbell, and Herbert Withford—it is proposed to continue with others. So if you are generally interested in discovering poetry and don't want merely to sit and soak it all in for Finals, turn up next Wednesday at Hut 4.

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LOOKING THEM OVER
V.U.C. Tournament Teams
BOXING
THE 1922 Tournament will see the first appearance of the middleweight division. Lighter weight and lighter fighters will not be found in the N.Z.A.B.A. to leased possible weight divisions. For the first time, the Middleweight categories. Because of insufficient entries, battles will be fought on the programme by N.Z.U.A.S, last year, so we are left with the extra division, giving a total of eight.

Last year, although unsuccessful in wresting back the Shield, our team as a whole was the strongest at Auckland. All of our five wights reached the finals, and two titles were won. By comparison, A.U.C.'s team was Runners-up. The winners were virtually carried by two men, who won three titles. The nucleus of our 1923 team will be available again this year.

Jim Donald, albeit reluctantly, will be back for a third time. Four and a half years ago he defected from the team to take up professional boxing. He has since reformed and is back to show us what he is capable of. Did you know he has even won the world title in a single ring fight.

Bob Smith, 1950-51 N.Z.U.A.S champion, will be back. He is the only man in New Zealand history to win the N.Z.U.A.S. title on three occasions. He has also won the New South Wales title on three occasions.

Featherweight representative will be Tony Keery, runner-up last year. Tony is fit for this time, and will be a strong contender for the title. His fighting style is aggressive, and he is a strong contender for the title.

MEN'S Singles: D. L. Robertson, B. K. Reddy.

TENNIS
1922 was a year of success for V.U.C. The men's tennis team won the premier cup, and the women's team ended up being runners-up. The women's team was a strong contender for the title, but unfortunately lost in the final to Auckland University.

This year, the team is expected to perform well. The men's team has a strong lineup, with experienced players returning. The women's team will face some tough competition, but their experience will be an asset.

BASKETBALL
This year's basketball team has been selected and is training hard to attempt to revive Vic's rather withering reputation in the game and new to Tournament but they make up in fighting ability and may they lack in experience, and we have great hopes of more to continue our splendid defense for the Barbarians Shield.

We have been very lucky in acquiring a forward from A.U.C. this year we are sorry for Auckland, but Lilian is a very welcome addition to our team.

The players are:

Elaine Coote—who played for Vic. at Easter last year. Her height, and her method of using it, will be an advantage in dealing with the tall forwards. She has always been a very good mixed doubles player. She has a lot of fight in her and is very much the 'go-getter' and will be a hard pair to beat. Ann Walker and Lois Holland have not been together two seasons together as a team and they appear to hold the other end of the doubles well.

In the men's singles, Don Robinson and Bill Reddy will be V.U.C.'s hopes. They are both very strong players, each having won the men's competition last year. Both players are strong and confident, and have a good chance of winning this year. They have a good understanding of the game, and are sure to give a good account of themselves.

SHOOTING
ON paper Victoria has the strongest team ever to attempt to capture the Haslam Shield. The standard and experience of the players is such a degree however, that it is impossible to predict a result. It is certain new rules are being used for the first time, notably that aper- tures on which the wind is aimed if the wind-gauge is set at zero, and that each hit on the snap target counts 3 instead of 2 points. Victoria has nearly always had the edge on the field, in snap shooting and this new rule will be to their disadvantage.

Certainties for the team: Jimmy Hogg who was the strongest man on the range last year, once he earned a Blue but was not awarded one, he is likely to be another strong factor in this year. Apart from one magpie he has had a shooting star or two in his line up. John Fisher who did very well in the test of the season. The team is in perfect form and has been entered. The weather has not been as bad as last year.

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