For the Booby Prize—A Tie

Canta and Vic Twosome for Last

JUBILEE Tournament was a success as a piece of organisation if not from the trophy point of view. Nevertheless Vic had his unexpected triumphs and a couple of unexpected defeats. This Tournament was not a real—it was not supposed—but Vic himself and all those who knew the results of the tournament were aware of the fact. The preparations for the tournament were a success. The committee had failed to allocate all the tournaments of the week to the proper place. The weather and the conditions were not too good. The only time that the tennis court was used was for the weather. The only time that the tennis court was used was for the weather.

Owing to the fact that the local Press covered the events very briefly and gave publicity to Salient. The tournament has no need to publish long lists of results. The weather was certainly better than it has been for some years, perhaps excepted in the reports of preliminary arrangements and for that reason Vic was thanked.

It is worth noting that athletics were our weakest spot this year and tennis was still our strongest among the team. Our famous shooting team found that their expectations of higher standards were not justified.

Why Basketball?
The team which entered in the women's basketball had done some intensive training to try and increase their reputation in this sport. Their defeat emphasised the high standards achieved at the other colleges. It is about time that the question of basketball at Easter Tournament was investigated. This is a winter sport and the only winter sport apart from Swimming—was at Easter—was at Easter. The question of position and whether it may be of advantage to Victoria not to allow other colleges to have a longer training time (although we doubt the basketball players are not part of this Tournament).

A special word about swimming.
Well mainly because of the ducks. The swimming was well organised and very entertaining in spite of the chill of the evening. Several people remember the constant repetition of the introduction of ducks and ask why. Surely something should be tried.

This year the dance after Tournament appeared to have had no find among the interested people. People who went if at one stage the South American way seemed to be leading up to an interesting tie.

Athletics
The writing was on the wall for our athletic chances when the inter-faculty sports featured so much lack of enthusiasm and interest. The newspaper report of the one entrant race (Mr. W. Beadle) was disappointing. The only time the Barbell was used was for the weather. The news that Karl Lahtinen was not available did nothing to brighten the scene. The report that the athletes were crotchet based on the fact that mentioned no words and obviously hinted that training was necessary. The Athletics Club have the excuse that it is difficult to train invincible men and women. Are the clubs doing enough to encourage new students to take an interest in college clubs?

Do You Read Newspapers?
If you read newspapers you will have read their excellent coverage of tennis, bowling and Drinking Horn. This last was given the attention it deserved to make it clear that speed was the essence and not quantity. Quantity caused fears that "Mother of Five" would be writing to the Press any moment.

Bar Reddy starred as the tennis hero, well deserved after his performance and we had the usual spectacle of Victoria on overcoming the final.

Last well reported was the shooting probably because Trentham is a long way out of town during Easter week-end when so many other events are being reported. Perhaps the team may care to have an account written in the missing parts of this story including the missed target tragedy. That is all that remains for the full record.

All the competitors deserve congratulations and the organiser deserves some sort of special award which they are certain not to get. Do the executive feast them and is it all over?

Wooden It?
A Potted History

THE Wooden Spoon will be wishing for a trip to America where no need for us to publish a photographic report. Suffice to say that it has been called a trophy of "unusual quality and design." This may explain Victoria's affection for it.

It was made for our association and we started it and apparently a boomerang would have been more suitable by Mr. P. W. Bredick of Lower Hut and has the approval of Mr Oliver of the Dominion Museum.

IN 1883 A MENTION

The custom of presenting wooden spoons appears to have arisen in 1885 at Cambridge and was begun in New Zealand Universities tournaments in 1927. Canterbury were awarded a wooden spoon as the poet recites that tradition in Don Juan (1838) and no students have or should have read, "Sure my invention must down at zero."

And I grow one of many wooden spoons
Of verse (the name with which we Calculate please)
To dub the last of honors in degrees.

When the trophy was first presented it was placed on all windows, with almost every afterwards it appears to have come to stay in our trophy case.

"Where"—we can hear someone saying—is the trophy case?" On the left wall near the main stairs. Your attention and interest is invited.

family Album

My grandfather, whose name is myth, the famous uncle and my five hundred aunts—look out of mirror, fancy, twilight and family album—themselves

in me will light and underlined. At nights I take my history by the hand and find among the headlines the nameless heart has an epiphany time will understand.

Brothers' brothers and fathers stand before the walking portals of our waking fear each passes bearing death, trying to wear superior smiles or silence. Time will stare

back on our clan with some amaze in a later eye like mine now, knowing our history headlines and the grave's grin like a dream through conscience dawning.

Each, I imagine, though his time all and everlasting; coughed and wore the tissue from his smile; the time of love calculated upon each lantern-jaw.

Pat men and thin exhort me to be gay—a war's deserter, and a gallant blade struts with a benediction on his way clubwards to meet his heartiest word's applause.

Some shrill from crows and others melt in tears: but sinister, all faces here remind five-hundred times the joys they have not felt and bitter genius of the final bond.

My grandfather, whose name is death, glowers from his past and curls a crooked lip; requires a penalty of my glowing breath—to cloud on every window he let slip.

Louis Johnson, a regular contributor to Salient, author of the controversial (?) "Houghton Among the Libs" and "The Son Among the Rude."
LETTERS TO THE EDITOR
Late! Late!

SIR,—Extrav is due to open on May 19th. The executive called for scripts on May 16th. It is not clear whether the script or scripts are to be used for the performance. The group is currently debating as to what to do. Will I write this, April 3rd.

Several years ago I have been on the wardrobe staff. I have tried vainly to see a script before casting in order to make plans. This has always been by casting time the Stan. Aes has lost a number of years over the past. The same loss may not apply to props, but the idea of the discrepancy is similar.

Objectives: 3-4 weeks between the handing in of scripts and opening night this year too many have problems. Who then knew, could be responsible for providing four copies, quickly?

In several recent years the extraveneering has been extracted from the fire into which the Execu- tive has so recently thrown it in the Extrav. officials and cast. Not all the tal;as have been remarkably few executive members. Several of these members were obligated to the student body were discharged or suspended without any explanation and others like them made up most of the executive members.

A Critic Answers Back

SIR,—Being a stupid, childish, pre- tentious, completely buffeted re-denizen, I have nominated to write to a university student publica- tion. I am in fact a very humble man. I frankly appall you. I have to this point never talked of myself, against the clever, subtle, and perspicacious Webster. In fact, if I were to write, then he, in such a way, would be so noble as to attribute me, with a high regard for a third rate poet, and he was so objective as to write any specific criticism of my review.

Seriously, cannot “Salient” achieve a higher standard of criticism in the future? For instance, in writing a review of a theatrical performance, how often does it happen that one critic holds their own better (with the help of their own box office sales), while other critics waste in for a few more local and topical touches. Please note (1) that I was talking about entertainment for a theatre audience, which poetry readings try to achieve, and (2) that “local and topical touches” need not be refer- ences to our birds and our streets, but rather to our way of living, a not unimportant item with maybe a few aspects, nor of our general aspects, but all of them at least “in touch” with the people.

However, for an indulgent about this. Our poets may soon be able to match their work even with Milton at poetry readings and beat him at the poetry game. As stated in my review, there is nothing wrong with the poetry, except that, I suspect, that audience is more likely to be inter- ested in things of bardic knowledge.

Incidentally, “If” (whoever he is) makes a fair attempt at revising the poetry reading, although he could have waited for the sake of considerable space allowed him.

E. F. BELLFORD.

S.M.C.
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to countries in the Pacific

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Details on the Notice Board

Salient, April 24, 1952.

A Voice

SIR,—The portion of the editorial headed “Stocks Low” in the April 3 issue of Salient is a very clear expression of the attitude of too many students at V.U.C. First of all it is a fact that we do not have a witch runing the political machine in the Council, then the Staff, then the Senate, and now that the student body, but rather a group of people trying to keep us on the truck. The problem is, what is wrong with the students? The fact that we, over two thousand of us, cannot find bibles for the political machine is a reflection on our indifference, our apathy, our lack of interest. These activities, caused by the flat refusal of the government to change from being automatic note- takers for about 5 hours a day to being active students at an institu- tion which is, theoretically, a university.

T. H. BEAGLEHOE.

(Salient deplares student apathy and has done so for many years. Reader Beagleho"e may care to sub- mit an article explaining where apathy comes from. Salient suggests that there are some students who also need emphasizing. —ED.)

Let There Be Light

SIR.—Might I enquire through your columns if the proposed move into room B.3 is going to be im- mlemented as soon as possible? As the room is starting to wonder why it is necessary for them to be in the musky gloom shed by two (and only two) dingy glasses while most other rooms in the college are bathed in the luxurious glory of fluores- cence lighting. Perhaps there is a valid reason for this, or perhaps the government is attempting to ease this state of affairs in existence over the next few years?

Or perhaps the person in charge of these things runs an optician's business as a sideline.

"ABSENT LUX"

Catholic Contribution to Culture

PAPERS read at the Third Conference of the University Catholic Society of New Zealand have been collected and published in "Catholic Contribution to Culture."

HOCKEY CLUB A.G.M.

F was evidently the number of members present at the fifty-second Annual General Meeting of the Men's Hockey Club which was one of the last events of the academic year of the college.

The election of the members to the Board of Management is in the bands of patron, G. F. Dixon Esquire; president, J. T. W. Turner; secretary, N. J. Comp- ton, and treasurer, H. F. Taylor. The meeting was adjourned and reconvened consisting of R. G. O'Connor, L. Gatliff, and G. H. L. Nettleton.

However, these elections were not the only matter which required attention, for frequent reference had to be made to a mysterious document called a constitution.

A most alarming report was presented by the treasurer who stated that in spite of the fact that he had juggling books he could not make the V.U.C.S.A. grant cover expenses. This Club although suffering from a fees to the Wellington Hockey Asso-

The secretary gave a very capable report for 1935. (We hope club mem-

Prospects for this season are good. John Blackmore and N.Z.N.D. rep, Doug. St John (Otago and Auckland) and Bob Standen (back from Wanganui) have promis-

The position of the Club, however, has not yet changed and as there is a possibility of a N.Z.U. versus Aus-

The minutes of every game are read and every one is ready to go.

Gallop, who is in charge of the senior team, has already commenced, and as there is a possibility of a N.Z.U. versus Aus-

TABLE TENNIS A.G.M.

T HE A.G.M. of the Table Tennis Club was held on Monday evening under the eye of instructor W. L. Laing, who was interested and want to play hockey, came along.

The minutes of the Table Tennis Club were read and the elections were carried out. The new committee consists of: G. H. L. Nettleton, first vice-president; W. L. Laing, second vice-president; L. G. Cotes, third vice-president; and R. O'Connor, fourth vice-president. The new committee will be assisted by a large grant from the Students' Association. The club has been fortunate in obtaining the services of a valued Wellington Table Tennis Association player as coach. A one minute silence was ob-

W. L. Laing, coach, has already commenced to instruct the players and anti-aircraft gun by the present management, and a number of new and experienced players will be added to the team.

The annual meeting was adjourned after a very interesting meeting.

G. E. Hughes

Department of Physical Education, Victoria University College.

P.S.: I have been re-reading your article "Academic Objectivity" in the last issue of last year, and I feel that you would have in mind a belief in the existence of God would affect the teaching of pure mathematics. (This is because in fact, it is an entire contradiction to primary work, but it intrigues me.)
Vive La Haka-Party? A DINOSAUR CO-OPERATES

"All things come to him who waits" says the old proverb and here at last, to the satisfaction of the Institution, the Haka-Party. All those people who in the past have criticized these worthy re-universitarians for their own time and money, set of drunken rascals, etc., etc., to "breaking up a well-organised show, setting up stunts and fighting against us," etc., etc., must now bow the knee, for in the well-organised show, setting up stunts and fighting against us, etc., etc., we have the Haka-Party. We are a new organisation, we are the Haka-Party and we have the show, the stunts, and the fighting. We are the Haka-Party, and we are here to stay.

But seriously—if to end on a serious note: it seems that the Haka-Party has its existence. With a very clever organisation and Herbert’s amounts of organisation behind it, it seems that the Haka-Party is a very noble effort. How much this organisation will be able to do or where the money will come from is a matter of conjecture, but in any case, the Haka-Party is here to stay.

VIVE LE HAKA-PARTY.

CHARTER CLUB A.G.M.

It appears that the defunct Charter Club has been revived. It seems that signs of life—but don’t imagine that it is a phoenix arising from the ashes of 1905’s quite active club. No, the Charter Club as it now stands was not the sign of new life but rather an indication that there was life. It seems that the Charter Club has been revived and the members have been re-elected. Of course, the Charter Club now stands as the only club in the University. The Charter Club now stands as the only club in the University and with the exception of the Young Women’s Club there is no other club in the University.

Staff v. Student

With a Grit

ENGLISH lecturer Dr. Culliford was giving a Stage III class recently with details of the career of one Richard Henry, 14th century English mystic. Like all nice young men of the time he went to university— to Oxford. The centre of learning had moved from Paris to Ox- ford when a university had been established there, said the doctor. "Oxford then was very much like any present-day university. Except, of course, the staff didn’t have Salient to keep them on their toes."

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INTERNATIONAL CLUB FORMATION PROPOSED

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Some brief time ago four indivi-
duals, amongst them, our President, became perturbed about the lack of facilities offering in Wellington and of New Zealand hospitality. We who have homes here and know how handy they are in various ways during our periods of incompleteness can imagine how lonely a person could be in Wellington.

Horsley and Hill, however, were interested in obtaining some club-room in the city where the members could drop in during the weekends for a meal, an occasional cup of tea, and to chat with the various others around the place. The basic idea is to provide a place where overseas students, immigrants, and those few New Zealanders and be invited into it. That is why we will try to make friends with the people of our country.

Two Groups

It is coincidental but certainly prov-
ential that there is an international club. It seems that the charter of the club is a group separation from that of Mr. Horsley’s. This group under the leadership of Mrs. Culliford has been operating on a quiet friendship basis for some time and is interested in entertaining overseas people in Wellington and of New Zealand. It is a great deal to make overseas people feel at ease with N.Z. people not customs. But Mrs. Mannon’s group has a distinctive mission—she is interested in making herself as associated with the Cosmopolitan Club in London—which she also helped to found, and with the International Clubs in New Zealand as the only club so far to be affiliated to N.Z. after an absence of over 12 years it seems that the Club has the tendency to continue with her good work. The Club is the International House is an imposing building on Riverstone Drive made possible through the generosity of Mr. Flora’s, Richmond. It accommodates about seven hundred and fifty people at full capacity. It has mostly of activity must cater for a very large number of people, both overseas and American. Further information on the American University may be had later on. It is sufficient to say that a similar type of overseas club there are magnificent buildings in Berkeley, California, and at Chicago, and that it seems to be the proposal New Zealand organisation.

Action Pending

Although at present it is far too early to call the movement organised, certain preliminary steps have been taken. Firstly, it was obvious that as the two different groups could not keep on one another disjointing some groups might unite. The committee of the other, that the two must be integrated. Representatives of the two groups met at a meeting re-

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