BIRTH CONTROL AND ASIA

The Advantages of Continence over Continuance

On Friday the thirteenth the motion "that Education in Birth Control is an Essential Solution to Asia's Population Problems" was debated. The importance of this debate is emphasised by the fact that leading sociologists have stated that unless Asia's problems are immediately solved, New Zealand can hope for only 15 to 20 years continued independent existence. The importance of considering the Asian question, then, is imperative and the Debating Society is to be commended for discussing it.

However, the mass of the college has no such awareness of their impending future, and so only about fifty (the fifty that generally attend all debates) were present. The weather and the Little Theatre were cold, of course, but not sufficient to explain so much less than a small number. Nevertheless, the speaking from both platforms and floor was of a good standard, and interjections, although not as sustained as usual were plentiful.

Needless to say De Foy play was flawlessly played by the indomitable Doug Foy. A particularly pleasing performance was given by Mr. Guinness, who, as the new speaker, new speakers with considering of the judge Mr. W. M. irving and Mr. Broadley, early, the evening started on time—accordingly.

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STATISTICS GAUGE

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LIVEN UP OUR ELECTIONS!

As the executive have asked me to reconsider my resignation or, in some nasty-minded little people would say, of commencing my electioneering for the next elections. Looking back over the election and over past elections I cannot help thinking how dull they were. Although we are a conservative people as a whole surely we can do better than to leave electioneering to those who have been condemned to the ballot box. We tend to drift along from one election to the other with an occasional outburst of good spirits during Capping Week in a dull hour, at a corner or inside a shop. Liven things up a bit we just sit dumly back and wait for something—how often do we never do for we seem to have lost one important aspect of our collective character, the art of living up to our reputations.

Imagine an election starting thee or four weeks from polling day. The Rogues Election Committee start things going with a parade drive: the Drama Club, in a typically dramatic move, announces its support of the western bloc. Slogans are scribbled on walls, on the cable car; the Cunrarians boycott a history lecture after a history lecturer dons a hat that he is inclined to the Left. The Charter Club holds a ball and finish holding bands and singing: The Big Red We Want, Is the Red Wave Got, Is the Old Red White And Blue.

Electioneering ceases on the night before polling with a session in the Law Courts where the candidates announce their policies. To be serious, thus publicity given to each candidate and the solid thrashing out of his policy and merits for some time to do a little to ensure that the best people are elected, not because they have been here for a good few years and everybody thinks that they deserve the honour and glory as a consolation prize for not having graduated.

This idea of livening the elections up will doubtless lead to a lot of abuses of constitutional privilege and affection against good taste and decency which, we hope, is common to all of us. But, apparently, it is not as common as we had hoped.

Some of you, and I hope that it was not many, saw a slip of paper which was circulated during polling. Purporting to be issued by the Student Section, Protestant Action—whom makes its illegal as no such body has ever been connected with this University, slip could be used to make a religion a determinant of a candidate's suitability for election. As far as I can see a person's religion has got nothing to do with a political election. I consider that it is quite possible for a person to be a good Christian and a good socialist. It is even more likely that his religion would contribute a lot towards making him a different person to his beliefs. How could his beliefs, which come before the Executive which deal with religious matters, and I have not noticed any attempts on the part of Catholic Students Students' Association to go against the Executive, and the S.C.M. of S. C.M. of Students' Association to go against the Executive, and the S.C.M. of Students' Association to go against the Executive, with the R.C. members to limit the activities of the Catholic Students' Guild. I am a Protestant of sorts myself and I would libcally choose to do the same thing with such a prejudiced effort of electioneering. It seems that the authors of the slip felt the same, too, for they did not even give the gists to come out into the open but preferred to sink in the gutter of anonymity.

This sort of attack on decency makes us realize that we are not all the pleasant persons that we like to think we are. I would like to publish a letter from the persons concerned condemning or supporting their action. Their anonymity would be strictly preserved if they so wished, but I do not suppose they have any valid reasons which would bear publication. Anyhow, despite that sort of thing which I have just mentioned I think the fairminded people around the College could manage to liven up the elections, improve the Executive and so the College. In conclusion, I think that although a vote of thanks will have been voted it, I think that it is not amiss for the editor of The Salient to compliment the Executive on an excellent job in “maintaining the status quo”.

J.J. WEAKINGS

EDITORIAL SUBTLEFUGE

SIR,—It is not good policy editorial to "blitz" the executive merely because some executive member has already been blasted to hell by that capable body, the Associated Students. I say capable body because those who have beencontacted, either by the executive, namely the Easter Tournament, the Undergrad's Banquet, or the News Pro- cess, have been all unqualified success who are behind the scenes in the salient. Your Honorary Editor's letter was the bolt charge resulting from the blunder. In my Opinion, had our publicized him in that the Associated Students has suggested that you apparently consider the executive to be endowed with powers, to please people is something on the College Council, then he would neither have been designed to answer your "deliberately provocative" editorial.

"The executive cannot avoid itself of its powers if it has never had its job, as representing the Students' Association, in the Society. The election, at least (p. 378) : The letter has been cursory does the editor Mr. Weake, and of the second has shown really as just as some of the problems of the student body are under the burden of the "college". And what about, say, hardy student, near as he appears is an internist in the show at any rate would not rather plunge back into it than be plagiarist by each club, they must to pat in their hands at their new choice. habenbags. clubs, remember, especially the cultural, even depend on me here than on an enthusiastic clinic for their operations, not the function of the place. The place to lay the blame for lack of progress round here is not in the door of the executive, nor the executive—real or ideal—effectively blacked by a drastically reduced, i.e., as a person of education, and the expenditure budget to students made by the National Association.

—L.D.A.

Birth Control and Asia

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Jim Millborrow pointed out that in the West the sex was at a high point in a country and a religious faith, the Birth Control and Paternalism, is really not a complete, at least. We must free them from religious ideology which keeps them in the past on the progress of the past. John Cody suggested the idea of sexual politics first by speaking on Mr. MacNeil's side, and secondly, by addressing the audience. "Ladies and gentlemen, Mr. Cortis, the last speech was very well, and the last speech was very well."

He illustrated the say- ing of Mittag-Leffler: "The man who wants to live is no man who wants to live."

The moral side of the issue, which was related to the natural law of man, which made him want to preserve his species, and so was opposed to the idea, was explained by Ron Blackmore. Margaret Cory that at mat- ter of internationalism we should let things rip. It was just a matter of changing the chemical balance. Mr. O'Shea asked did the Russians practice birth control.

The sitting down was that natural, not artificial means of birth control should be used, said Maida O'Shelly. She thus approved continu- ous contraception with enthusiasm.

In summing up Mr. Leanne's. de- scribed the Chinese system as a failure. Mr. Faris criticized it as a hopeless failure.
PLAYWRITING COMPETITION

FOR the benefit of any prospective students for the College, the V.I.C. Drama Club announces that it is sponsoring an essay competition. The competition is open to all candidates. The competition is being administered by W.M., W., N. SHEAT. in which all entries should be addressed.

The following conditions, although not essential, should be observed:

1. The play should be your own
2. The number of characters should not be more than eight
3. The duration of the play should not exceed 20 minutes

In an attempt to raise the standards of the competition, so that the winning play if suitable may be considered for entry to the Annual British Drama League Play Festival on the Orange Session of Winter Tournament. These are the conditions for entry into these competitions. However, it does not necessarily follow that the winning play will automatically be included in the above festivals. All entries are to be handed in to W.M., W., N. SHEAT, at no later than 9th July 1952, with an indication of your name and address and a note of your mother's name.

HOCKEY TEAMS DOING WELL

In common with the Rugby Football and Association Club of the College, the V.I.C. Men's Hockey Club is enjoying a very successful season.

The senior team, although beaten by W.C.O.B. and Karori, has maintained a good standard. Now that there has been a rearrangement of the four teams, the changes have been such that some of the more experienced players will be able to support the younger members of the team.

The Under 15 team has also been doing well, with its next match on 10th June, against W.C.O.B. The result of this match will be reported in the next issue.

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THE GREEKS AND THE COLLEGE

IT IS IMPORTANT to any future understanding of this College's policy in respect of student health and physical welfare to explain something of what is meant by Physical Education and outline in more detail what steps are being taken to see that policy effected.

In general a false conception of the nature and purpose of Physical Education persists in the minds of many and is for the most part based on the old principles of "physical training" or "physical culture."

The educational aspects of the subject implied in the definition implies for physical education a very much wider field of influence than is or would be recognized by the general public.

Because of its broad and ever-expanding field of study the principle of a scientific foundation, and thereby the need of the continuous development of its principle, is not always fully understood. It is this extension into all branches of knowledge that underlies the educational principles of the College.

Physical Education objectives must be based on principles that are formulated from the inside of science and society requires the university that it produce students capable of understanding their full responsibilities as professional citizens.

It is realized that accommodation facilities in this college cannot but adversely affect the University's efforts to fulfill these responsibilities. Consequently, it is to be expected that the University's efforts to fulfill these responsibilities must be faced by many hundred students who will pass through the College before conditions can be greatly improved, and this can be adequately understood only if these students make better use of the opportunities provided for them.

Many groups within the college provide extra-curricular activities that mean much to those who give their interest and support. The physical education department of the college hopes to provide such aspects of a university education as are available through physical education, and it is a matter of some importance to note that facilities may permit only recreational activities but the development of fields rests not on the importance with which each student regards his or her own physical development.

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THE MUSIC SOCIETY

The Music Society was entertained on Thursday by the small, rotund and cordial tenor, Herbert Mather-Carta, accompanied by Elizabeth Page. This is Mr. Mather-Carta's first appearance in Wellington.

He began with songs from Shakespeare followed by the Holy Sonnets of John Donne arranged by Benjamin Britten. In the happy serious pieces he was not pairing although he had given them with gusto. His voice alternated from very loud to very soft at a minute's notice. He appeared to have little middle register. But George Barnard-Goodman's setting of "The Shropshire Lad," and Britten's setting of the 53rd, which he marked subtly to his manner, which was one of a sensitive kind. "Favy's Fugue Den" was the encore he chose, and evidently enjoyed singing.

The Varsity team as a whole did not live up to their best. The forwards, faced with the stiffest opposition so far encountered this season, performed creditably. They were not as prominent in the line as they usually are—much of their energy being needed to match the Marist forwards in the tight.

Burkehall and Smith did their usual good job in the lineouts but they were not given the support in the ruck. The covering of the forwards and their general handling of the backs was not the fine standard and they had set against Wellington and Auckland.

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The new hooker Heilbron is a greater share of the ball than was expected against such formidable opposition as Shannon. Whether his all round play will be up to Eastwood's standard is still to be shown.

The return of Savage did not give the added boost to the inside backs that was expected. But with a fierce drive the tackles are likely to be greatly appreciated. It is expected that Heilbron should join the urgent list. Against Wellington his play was too to the standard of the half back for as far seen in Wellington this season.

Heilbron at the tight was a terrific time. Faced with an O'Callaghan who tackled very hard and a loose forward who knew the value of his height and made up for his lack of height by his arms to reach, Heilbron had little opportunity to show his tackled capabilities. Why the short kick was not made greater use of so is a mystery. The difficulties defied in Heilbron's play, especially under pressure.

There was little on the advisability of playing an outside back in the specialist position of first five-eighth. Heilbron does not seem to have the experience necessary to adapt himself to the opposing team's tactics.

Pittsburgh and Fitzpatrick were also closely marked in many cases. The pace of the game was not as fast as it was against Auckland. This was not so noticeable against Auckland. For Marist and Fitzpatrick were still as good as ever and their go-to tactics were far too consistent and their tactics were still as good as ever. The pace of the game still increased and their go-to tactics were far too consistent and their tactics were still as good as ever. The pace of the game still increased and their go-to tactics were far too consistent and their tactics were still as good as ever.