Diagram Indicating Proposed Sites—See Page 2
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Building Sites at Last

During the vacation, an important development took place in connection with the proposed Student Union Building. The architects, who have been investigating various possibilities during recent months, have now submitted a report on suggested alternative sites to the College authorities for consideration.

It would now appear that a definite decision on this important question can be reasonably expected in the relatively near future. Once the site has been decided upon it becomes immediately possible for the architects to draw up definite plans upon which to make a start with the actual construction of the building.

At a recent meeting of the Executive the report of the architects was discussed at considerable length. The outside of this discussion together with any other decisions which may be taken by this Association, will serve as the basis upon which the two Executive nominees on the Student Union Building Planning Committee will take their stand. It is for the purpose of keeping students fully informed of recent developments, and of Executive opinion on this matter that your Executive has instructed me to submit this report.

In the first place, I should like to make two introductory remarks. We are at the moment concerned only with the question of deciding upon the most suitable site. It has become apparent in recent months that the funds at our disposal will fail considerably short of what would now be required to proceed with the original plans. This means that we will probably soon be faced with the prospect of accepting a building on a reduced scale as the only alternative to raising a great deal of money. As this question would not appear to affect the decision on the site, however, discussion on this matter has been postponed.

Secondly, the Executive has deemed it wise at the present time to make a fast decision upon the site most favoured. The main reason for this is that we have insufficient technical knowledge of the difficulties and cost involved in the preparation of any particular site. It has therefore been thought advisable to do no more at the present time than to agree upon certain principles which are considered important and which should serve as a guiding principle in the final determination of the most suitable.

The propositions agreed upon are three in number. First, it is very important that the maximum amount of money be spent on excavation, foundation work and other matters incident to preparing the site, in order that the maximum amount may be spent upon the construction of the building itself. When it is realized that the expense incurred under this item alone could easily run into many thousands of pounds, the importance of this point will be readily appreciated.

In the second place, we feel that it is important that the tennis courts should not be sacrificed unless absolutely necessary. In making a final decision on the site, therefore, the present tennis courts should not be sacrificed unless absolutely necessary. In making a final decision on the site, therefore, the present tennis courts should not be considered with anything as little as possible, or, alternatively, provision should be made to reconstruct these elsewhere.

A final matter of somewhat lesser importance, but one which should be borne in mind is that the present gymnasium should be preserved if at all possible. Some students may consider that this is merely a transitory consideration, and that the temporary difficulty created by being without the present student facilities should play no part in decisions regarding the new building. It must be remembered, however, that the Student Union Building may well be in the process of construction for two or three years. In other words, the time spent at the University by the average student. To be almost completely devoid of student facilities for so long a period is therefore most undesirable. It is difficult to see how possible alternative arrangements in other buildings, such as the Little Theatre, would be particularly satisfactory. The gymnasium would also be of considerable value to students even after the creation of the new building, and could well serve many incidental needs such as storage space, and the construction of process and extrav equipment.

Bearing these considerations in mind, the Executive has come to the conclusion that the most desirable site is to be found in an approximating site "C" or "D" on the chart (seen front page). Site "E" has not been viewed with favour because of the necessity for considerable excavation in order to bring it down to tennis court level, and the necessity of demolishing the gymnasium. In addition, it would not make the best use of the view and the southern side would be almost entirely shaded off by the lights.

Site "D" has been favoured in previous years when a realignment of Salamanca Road has been undertaken, however, and the large amount of excavation and excavation project has now been abandoned, however, and the large amount of excavation and excavation area is not found favourably.

Site "D" should be noted, lies substantially on Crown Land, and the adoption of this site depends upon approval being obtained from the requisite authorities. Great difficulty in this decision is to be found in the present gymnasium, and of leaving room for two tennis courts. In addition, the excavation problem would appear to be extremely serious. This site is the one recommended by the architects.

Site "C" has the important advantages of requiring little expense in excavation, of preserving the present gym, and of commanding an excellent view. On the other hand, it is a site which would require permission from the Crown to be obtained. Perhaps the best site of all can be found by moving "C" right into the south-east corner of the tennis courts, providing an even better foundation and possibly preserving one entrance to the "L" site. However, permission from the Crown would have to be obtained.

It should be mentioned that two other sites were, also investigated. Site "A", located on the side facing the north wall of the present Little Theatre block, overlooking Mount Victoria, appeared unfavourable because of the amount of excavation required and because it is not conveniently situated. The suggested site "F" located on the lawn to the north of the main block (alongside the cafeteria) has many technical advantages. Its proximity to main roads carrying a great deal of traffic, together with the aesthetic difficulty of finding a suitable design to fit in with the background, yet one which is desirable for the purpose of a Student Union Building are the main reasons for not viewing it favourably. As the construction of new college buildings takes place, its situation will become less and less suited to the convenience of the students.

The most suitable site, both from a long and a short term viewpoint, would appear to be in the vicinity of the present tennis court area.

F. M. McCaw
President, V.U.C.S.A.
Ringing Round the Moon

THE New Zealand Players have re-
turned to Wellington for their second tour with a better play, and improved teamwork. In their per-
formance of M. Ansell's "Evolution no Chalet," writely translated by Christopher Fry and renamed "Ring Round the Moon," they gave us the most entertaining evening in the theatre that we have been offered for some time. The play is almost new to us, the "Theatre of Fantasy," and, so far, that most people enjoyed.

"Ring Round the Moon" stands it-
self to be a "handle with care" and is not to be missed, the plot to be caught and handled with a handful of moonlight. It is a fairy tale with a sister in fairy tale figures and situations. Everything about it has a quality of the fab-
ulous. The Bulk in the Wringerdans is of the grandest, the rich girl of the richest, the poor girl of the pret-
est, and the hero is twice.

The tone is elegant and moistly, passing smoothly from one subject or scene to the next. The terms of this fantasy are very amusing, for the playwright is master of situation, and a brilliant inventor of episodes. M. Ansell has at his command all the tricks for drawing us into the hectic excitement of the play. The plot and the dialogue seem to have been given an added sparkle to the dialogue.

The Acting

John Carson-Parker, as the toady, moves through the double role grace-
fully and with style. He has succed-
ed in being both a sly and a mean enough character. On the whole he was smooth and convincing with the change from one role to the other expertly done. Michael Cai-
telli was excellent as Patrice Sem-
belo, the secret executive, adding just the right comic touch to the part. Lady India, the millionaire's mistress, was acted with the exag-
gerated manner of the maimen-
tiveties of Kila Smith. This was remarkably well done and the irre-
sistibly funny scene where she and Patrice have the ballroom and con-
tinue their tango in the Wintergar-
den was a real gem. George Dean as Madame Demonts, one of the tenants, delivered her unlimited from a balcony and conjured up for us a spectacu-
lar picture of life as it really was. She kept the requisite light touch for the part all the time. The most difficult piece of character acting was Captain, the facts com-
plicated, egging, twittering and ex-
citable. This part was extremely well acted by Deane Hope. Diane Rhodos made a charming, natural Isabel, the ballet dancer who skillfully plays a part in trying to capture Frederico. In the role of Frederico's fiancée, was handled quite well by Ruth Allay, but she did not seem to fit into her role as easily as the others. I did not like Edith Cam-
pion, as Isabel's mother. Her voice seemed too high pitched, and some of her movements decidedly awk-
ward. Barry Lushman as the Crunch-
ling Butler, John Gordon as the Mr. Wangerman Millionaire, and Roy Pat-
rick as the Legiopontier, were all first-rate in their interpretations, though the latter two dropped their voices at certain times.

The production, by Richard Cam-
pion, kept the play going gaily and prettily apart from one lag in the fourth act, where some questioning by the audience did not necessarily fit the scene. Settings, lighting and costumes blended to give the right finishing touches to the production.

The result of this combination of talents so as good a piece of light-
hearted entertainment as we have seen for a long time.

—Tony Courtney

MARTON-WANGANUI RELAY

TWO V.U.C. barrier teams accompanied by some faith-
ful supporters, headed by Club Vice-president Herbert Taylor, travelled north in brilliant weather last weekend for the Marton-Wanganui relay race. The teams consisted of five runners, who each ran about five miles.

Ross B战heley gave the A team a good start by easily leading the field throughout the first lap. John Mahon kept in the lead but only just and in the second lap came to be closely followed by Ted Gilbey, who eventually overtook him with a Scottish runner only 30 yards behind him. From then on the drum and Scottish took over to hold a taut lead at the beginning of the fourth lap. Bill Gilbey ran splendidly to close right up on the leader but when provincial champion Brian Dowie raced off with 20 seconds start on Clem Howke the Scottish runners' eyes sparkled with the sight of victory and Victoria tried to get used to the idea of being beaten by a local club. Howke ran a deter-
mmined lap to be within 39 seconds of Dowie at the finish. Meanwhile the B team were setting starting their own little drama. Ross Brown, Peter Joyce, Tim Headslice and Derek Bradle all ran with plenty of life and their useful performances were topped off with a beautiful timed run lap top by Tony Gower, who passed the Marton runner in the final sprint to give us fifth place in the whole field and a victory in the B grade race for the Armstrong Shield.

Almost overwhelmed by the hospita-
lity in Wanganui and at Waitetara Station, most of the party were kept going only by the basic fitness achieved by all club members. After much hard training and playing they were probably unanimous agreement that the 50-50 grade won, the 60-hold road and the blisters were worth it and there seems every likelihood that the relay will be on the Club's pro-
gramme for next season.

APPLICATIONS ARE INVITED FOR THE FOLLOWINGPOSITIONS:

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Applications to be in the hands of the Secretary of the Students' Asso-
ciation by September 30.

Applications to be in the hands of the Secretary of the Associa-
tion by October 21, 1953.
Two Milestones

In this issue there are featured two separate matters; one concerns the Rugby Football Club, and the other, the Students' Union Building. It is fitting that both topics should receive fullest coverage in this issue, for each represents an achievement, and we would do well to consider what each means, and what the story of each has to offer.

It is not the success which the Rugby Club has attained which is important so much as the manner in which it has attained it; so too, with the collective effort of the students in their endeavour to provide future students of a building worthy of them.

One can only admire the drive and vigour with which the Rugby Club has set about each task which has been ahead of it. Perhaps the enthusiasm of the members is brought about by the fact that it is, comparatively speaking, a small, and closely knit body, perhaps because its objectives have been more immediate, perhaps, because in its lean years its leaders had the spirit and determination to keep things alive and moving in readiness for brighter days ahead; yet there must have been many of them, who tried and worked for the club in the past who could never see an open road ahead. But the drive which is the hallmark of the club today, is not something which has sprung up overnight. It has been with them for many, many years.

Off the field of play they have set themselves to the task of building a gymnasium. They have set about this task with a certainty of purpose which alone makes it inevitable that they should succeed. They rely on, and receive, the fullest support and co-operation of their members, many of whom will never see the new building. And justly so. To them we must learn.

Yet have before you today the site plans for the new Students' Union Building; this is an achievement which crowns many years of consistent work; yet, today, at the very time when final success is so close at hand, the fire of enthusiasm has died down until the flame is lower than it has ever been before. We are doing very little (if indeed, we are doing anything). To add to the wholly inadequate funds at our disposal for the erection of this building: as a consequence, we are in danger of throwing away the greater part of our achievement.

Because our funds are inadequate, we are already considering ways of reducing the new building to its minimum requirements, rather than seeking to add to the fund so that the building will not become as useless for its purpose in thirty years as the present gym is today.

One difficulty which confronts us is the fact that if we draw attention to possible deficiencies in the new building, we are met with the answer that at the present time we are only considering site plans and not the layout and content of the new building; that we should have these other problems until the more immediate question has been decided.

But the layout and content of the building could have direct bearing on the matter of the site. At present, the width of area which the new building is to take up is determined by the fact that it is to contain a gymnasium of a minimum required width. Therefore, if the gymnasium were to be erected separately, the building could be narrower, and could more conveniently be fitted into a given area. It might, for example, mean that site D could be chosen without interfering permanently with more than one tennis court; this fact, itself, could have a direct bearing on the site which is finally chosen.

A general suggestion which we have to offer, is that the Union Building be erected, without a gymnasium, on site D, and that a separate gymnasium be erected on the site of the present one, and be linked to the Union Building. A point to be noted, too, is that the present estimated width of the building does not allow for the originally planned spectator space in the gym itself. Besides cutting down on the revenue producing aspect of the gymnasium, this could well be a permanent impairment for the future.

One conclusion we can reach. If the value of the building is not to be permanently impaired, we must either construct one with full facilities for such things as are catered for at all, with room for extension to take in other facilities as funds become available, or else we must have a lot more money, and quickly. What we must avoid at all costs is providing a little of everything, and not enough of anything. This seems to be the present danger.

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LETTERS

Aid for the Needy

SIR,-We have heard with alarm of the foundation of "Balrus," the new Students' Union. We are surprised that a function such as that in question can succeed in our university. We are sure that the students with whom we are acquainted are far from being such a success. We can only conclude that the club spirit does not and will not have any connexion with our members.

We have been approached by the students of the College of the Sacred Heart in the future of the population of New Zealand and the mood of the V.U.C. students generally. Psychology students assure us that this may result in suppression, feelings of rejection, and frustration.

We have therefore decided to counteract these dangerous tendencies by instituting a Marriage Bureau. We are sure that this will make an immediate and lasting change in the mood of the students. Interested please write to "Marriage Bureau Ltd." via the letter box in either common room. All correspondence treated as confidential.

THE ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF.
V.U.C.M.B.

Building Site

SIR,—It has come to pass in the 15th year of our Lord, 1953, that the sit of the new Students' Union Build- ing is to be decided. The Executive have recognised its importance by providing a sum of $10,000,000 to be spent on the "Balrus" setting up the pose and consequently themania by our President but there it has stood. A motion proposed a suitable site to be proposed by the Executive, and the motion was carried unanimously.

"(1) The Executive is in no way desiring to abstain from the right to express their opinions. If the students who will attend the meeting are to express their opinions on this matter, they are free to call a Special General Meeting. Such a meeting might be welcomed by the Executive.

"(2) May I refer you to my report in your next issue in which I state that site C would be approved only if a satisfactory alternative site were found?"

—F. M. Mccaw

New Zealand Players

SIR,—Allow me to submit a few thoughts on "Ring Round the Moon" and the New Zealand Players.

Mr. Courtenay gives a very good description of the play, and I hope that his views will be widely read. I would like to add a few comments of my own.

The production, directed by Mr. Edson, was excellent. The acting was uniformly good, and the direction was sound. The only criticism I have is that the play was a little too long.

David A. BRIDGES.

Moon Alone

SIR,—I am pleased to join with the "Evening Post" and "Dominion" in expressing a certain amount of exultation at the success of the New Zealand Players. I should like to express my congratulations to the players, particularly to the young actors, who have shown such a promising talent.

My only criticism of the New Zealand Players is that they seem to be too much occupied with their own local scenes. I hope that some day they will venture out into the wider world and bring their talent to a wider public.

F. W. F. FINCH.
Rugby...

THE 50th. SEASON IN RETROSPECT

During the past weekend, past and present members of the Rugby Football Club joined in the grandest of all the events in the history of the Club. This, of course, was the conclusion of the fiftieth year of University Rugby in Wellington. A most enjoyable weekend was undoubtedly had by all who attended. Those former Club members were also able to observe present day University footballers playing in the North-South match—a match reserved for only the most select of New Zealand players. However, not all the old-timers were impressed by University men attaining to this high honour. In fact, Mr. A. H. Bogle, speaking at the Jubilee Smoke Concert on Saturday, remarked that the sight of University men being selected for All Blacks and North Island teams, could only lead him to one unfortunate conclusion—that there was something seriously wrong with New Zealand Rugby. The standard must be very low, he concluded; after all, who ever heard of a Victoria College player being selected for New Zealand in 1905?

One rather remarkable fact was stressed by most of the speakers, and that was that both of the celebrations staged by the Club to date, namely, the 25th Anniversary in 1928 and the 50th in 1953, the Club was at the time the holder of the Jubilee Cup. Former teams of the Club will thus have the incredible to arrive for success in the Jubilee Cup on the occasion of future anniversaries. As a corollary to this, however, the slump which Victoria late, 192805, following after the great future members as something which might-some day have broken up for wear, the two would be there to force the side back into activity; to forget about yesterday's win and prepare for the following Saturday.

The team this season was also fortunate in having a very capable group to draw from as replacements. These included I. J. Parker, H. C. Hill, L. H. Sliebeck and others who became a regular member of the side only later in the season, but who was always ready to attend club practices. All who were familiar with the full length of Athletic Park were familiar with the storehouse of players from the University Club server to emphasize the extent in which present day players are attaining great distinction on the football field.

Tribute to Coaches

On Saturday it was stressed that the Club as a whole and the senior team in particular owe a great debt to the two remarkably devoted and self-sacrificing men who have so skillfully guided the team to its remarkable championship success. I refer, of course, to Mr. R. B. Burke and Mr. H. F. Utilities. Anyone who has had the misfortune to sit next to him during a club match will appreciate the depth of interest with which they follow every move. At practices on Sunday morning, when most of the team, and very likely the coaches too, felt rather the worse

To

W. H. CLARK
R. A. JARDEN

From

B. B. J. FITZPATRICK
J. T. FITZGERALD

We offer our congratulations on their well-earned achievement and wish them every success. —D. G. M.
LETTERS

THANKS

SIR—Owing to the uncertainty of this year's Salient Library Issue, 4.6, was a rush job, commenced with little warning. Editorial thanks go, then, to the various people who sent in copy before an early deadline, and those who were able to make revisions, and still enable two-thirds of the copy to be in the printer's hands on deadline night. Also thanks to the twenty women who sent in stories and nine short stories from which to make a selection. The position of Victoria in this respect is better than at other universities, such as Birmingham, with 40,000 students.

My personal thanks goes to Peter Ereden and Louise Johnson, who watched the process of the production, and to Mr. Willard, Editor of the Standard Press, who with patient assistance assisted us in the fundamentals of printing production.

JOHN COY.

SEX

SIR—In his contribution on Sex Adven-
ture, Mr. Oestricher mentions that the proponent of the view of argument, loses a good deal of force because he seems to regard the nature as the preserve of Christian, or any-
ad who happens to agree with their moral code. The fault, however, is not a failure that a nation or any individual can play around with impunity; and Mr. Oest-
richer neglected the most important fact which he did point out, that the laws of the Commonwealth are superior in their power to the natural law; there will be cer-
tain unpleasant inalienable conse-
quences. He did not mention, for example, the most important fact of the lot; that the primary end of sexual congress is the procreation of children. Where this primary end is neglected in favor of the secondary end (the fostering of mutual love, and the making of companions) the result is the breakdown of social life. This, I think, is a sufficiently strong reason for saying that the natural law is not Good Thing, but that the natural law is Good Thing.

And, incidentally, members of the Catholic Church do not accept the teaching of their Church on faith alone, but, because the teaching is that which their reason tells them is the true one.

SIR.—According to your report of Dr. Weaver's address he claims his views are so serious and then it seems to me his views are somewhat more serious than the views of the Catholic Church. The Catholic Church, however, does not attempt to suppress these views; in fact, they accept and consider them to be a part of their beliefs. It seems to me that these views are not so serious as the views of the Catholic Church.

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SIR.—I would like to express my appreciation to Abel Dykes, Ltd., for their wonderful work on the printing of my manuscript. Their work is of the highest quality and I am very pleased with the results. I would also like to thank them for their prompt and efficient service.

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