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THREE-HOUR FREEZE
Dull A.G.M.

THE Fiftieth Annual General Meeting of the Victoria University College Students' Association was held last Wednesday evening in the Upper Gymnasium. Some 50 members of the Association, deigned to attend to exercise their right to formulate the policy of the V.U.C.S.A. for the coming year—some 3 per cent of the total membership. Because those who were interested in V.U.C.S.A. were at the meeting, we do not intend to give much space to the event for the remainder of the student body.

The meeting was presided over by Mr. T. H. Subejelige, B.A., retiring Men's Vice-President. The Annual Report was discussed, with questions on the text-book scheme, Student Employment Service, Congress. Corporate advertising and other matters. For those interested, some 100 copies of the Annual Report are still available to members.

A proposed Constitutional Amendment to provide for an Electorating Sub-Committee of the Executive to control the electorating of candidates for official posts and the Executive was discussed and variously amended and was hot after a 90-minute discussion.

A motion requesting the Secretary to write to the United Nations deploring the situation in Guatemala was lost; at one stage during the meeting there were insufficient members present to constitute a quorum. The chairman adjourned the meeting five minutes to enable members to vote on the resolution. The meeting concluded some three and one-half hours after it had begun with Mr. M. J. O'Brien moving a vote of thanks to the Chairman for the very capable and efficient manner of his chairmanship, which was heartily accorded.

The results of the annual election were thus announced. The next Annual General Meeting will be held (d.v.) in the Upper Gymnasium on Wednesday, January 21, 1953, at 8 p.m. Members are invited to be present.

—"Veritas"
EDITORIAL

The almost imperceptible sign of an awakening of interest among students in their own student affairs was cause, as some are no doubt aware, by the recently held Exec Elections. However, this awakening, slight as it was, was too transient to dissipate almost completely in the short interval between the elections and the holding of the Annual General Meeting. The attendance at the A.G.M. was meagre, to say the least.

We have long held the opinion that students are showing less interest in the activities of the Students' Association which is seen of great importance than they did in the past. We admit it, is a generalisation which is open to correction. It may be, however, that students have never shown much interest in the general affairs of the Association of which they are all financial members. The attendance at the A.G.M. was not an exception of this view.

So there would appear to be a large element of truth in the thousands of words that have been written and spoken on "Student Apathy", and related subjects. But we hold differently. This University is primarily a degree school, and activities which are not concerned with the gaining of a good career qualification are incidents which should assume no greater importance than any hobby or pastime. As almost everybody has a leaning towards some hobby or sport, it is natural to find in existence at this College, clubs and societies like the Rugby Football Club, the Socialist Club, and so on.

Such activity, and what would include "Sallent" amongst them, are not a manifestation of any "corporate spirit" or other significant characteristic which is peculiar to a university college. Rather do we believe that they are the natural and normal results of any large number of people attending the same institution for a similar purpose—in this case the gaining of a degree.

Such may be the explanation of the apparent "student apathy". It may be not apathy at all, but boredom. Where extra-curricular activities interfere with study, the sensible course of action is to drop the former, and this usually happens.

This University is supported by the public, who need the skilled technicians which is produced. Students have therefore an obligation first of all to the public, and secondly to themselves to make the best use of the facilities of a university. Otherwise, they might benefit society technically, and themselves economically. If the result is that each student does not attend sympathetically to the demands made upon him by the many substitutions in this college, who can complain?

A student is a member of a university, but he is also a member of society, and he is entitled to choose his interests from both those fields. The fact that he shows little interest in certain student activities does not mean that he is disinterested in life, and will call him "apathetic", especially when it is remembered that, from the nature of our society, about three-quarters of the students are part-time.

This editorial, which is our last, is in the nature of but a short comment on a subject which is capable of much greater development. Finally, we would like to express our appreciation of the help and criticism which has come from staff and students, and to thank the "Sallent" staff, who have made the task of a part-time editor much easier than it would have been.

D. F. DOVCAN.

Exec. Excerpts

BLUES

At the last meeting the following Blues were conferred:

WOMEN—W. Etienne.
CRICKET—D. S. Store, J. C. Thompson, T. McA. McEwan, D. McK. Kern.
BOWLING—E. V. Kirby, J. G. Thomas.

Move Mr. Lecher, seconded Beck, that the above mentioned honours take place in the Midland Hotel, J. C. Store, (unanimously) from voting.

No comment.

VIOLATION OF REGULATION

On reading the accounts of the Students' Club the following entry was found:

Leak on School 2/9

Mr. Lecher moved: "The rules!"

During the evening it was pointed out that less than 2 members of Exec have managed to be engaged. But, as Mr. Lecher was heard to whisper, what is more interesting is that 12 others haven't—E.A.W.

The Editor, "Sallent."

Dear Sir,—It was started to find your editorial "Just in Stilp" so pleasing to read with the war in Indo-China (14 lines), the receipt of the New Taliban (1 lines), and our cupping celebrations (16 lines). But your manner of dealing with these questions was even more startling.

If "Stilp" believes that the (Indo-China) question must be answered with some degree or our "urgency", why does he deal with it in 14 lines? Does "Stilp" believe that the (New Taliban) question can be answered in 1 line? No, says "Stilp" and his "urgency" is 16 lines. The (cupping) question is 16 lines. But your manner of dealing with these questions was even more startling.

If "Stilp" believes that the "New Taliban" is "since" the French (3 lines) and the question is not "urgent", then how does "Stilp" cut down the "urgency" of the (Indo-China) question to 14 lines? There is no guarantee that each will be the case in future. It will become more lines the French, less lines New Taliban, then lines Indo-China. In the end, "Stilp" will have implications which this generation will have to face. There are similar logical and grammatical confusions in the New Taliban

paragraph.

The most startling feature of the editorial, however, was that it was not even attempted to justify its assertions by reasoned arguments. Even the "Evening Peel" reasons in its editorial. But, "Stilp", seemed to abandon reason in favor of stating a private creed—the "we believe" appeared three times, together with "we consider".

The conclusions are inevitable, that "Stilp", editorial, however, presumably, in its "urgency", should say: "The urge to work on the New Taliban, will have implications which this generation will have to face. There are similar logical and grammatical confusions in the New Taliban paragraph.

First of all, Mr. Stilp, since when has Mr. Stilp had the right of expressing his opinion on three different related subjects by what amount of his "urgency is a poor man's attack on the" New Taliban? His idea seems to be just to call them "apathetic", especially when it is remembered that, from the nature of our society, about three-quarters of the students are part-time.

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Reply to "Vol B"

Dear Sir,—Your Vol B, correspondence has not appealed to your editor, consequently, that his answers to the questions are 11 A. I., especially when the answers have pointed for a long time. Yes, 296-296, "Vol B", presumably in its "urgency". On Wednesday and Saturday morning. On Saturday nights at public dances the dancing must finish at 12. Otherwise, not many girls. 1441 demands what else the editor wants to say.

"M.H.I. "—Would you please hand this to the editor as evidence of good faith.

CAFF

Our yearly photocopy display at last comes up to expectations. Only a few of the exhibits have signs that already required of an Exec member—fact that they are to be exhibited at our expense. After all we do hope for long indulgence, this photocopier, which is we are accustomed to find in the 1000 Kipper, is not too strong. Wellington once it was an "American". After all, this Authority has seen fit to emulate the necessary. Electric light has been installed. This invasion of modernity in the form of electricity is a gain. The beautiful homes of the Kipper have to be prepared. The latest, the latest, all is going to be printed by office of the photocopier. We are now ready to do the work of the photocopier. The photocopier has its nylons... .

The special election passed away from a glory from this word.

Students of Tomsk in Siberia are preparing for a future that was their platform after having built a typical University. But the students are not sure that they are ready for them. And the regular programme now include knowledge of the University, and other entertainments. (N.D. News Service, Prague.)
WEIR OF AGI

As those notes are being compiled, activity in the House is mounting towards a crescendo with our 21st celebration only a week off.

The reception rooms and the Little Theatre are constant practices for the concert, while the basement is once again littered with jars of paint and unprintable expletives as the painting staff try to construct a backdrop out of newsprint. Divers committees can be found all over the place in earnest consultation, and senior Housemen are getting into strict training for the Drinking Horn contest against the Old Boys.

After Saturday's activity Old Boys' (Present resident can take it) will be too late for the more published programme for Sunday. The production of the Old Boys' play, to be held in the Great Hall afternoons, former Housemen will be able to sing a song about War in the atmosphere and reminiscences in the atmosphere of their old rooms. (Still the same except for pin-ups). At 3 o'clock, Afternoon Tea will be served on the front lawn.

The programme is planned to get under way with the Subscription Ball, which will begin at 6 o'clock on Friday night and conclude ... with each assembly training the House Rugby XV should have no difficulty in identifying the Old Boys in the match at the Prince of Wales No. 2 ground (20.30 a.m., Saturday). With the cream of past and present Rugby Club talent, this game will undoubtedly provide the most entertaining football of the season. In the lounge of the Millward Hotel, what promises to be a Houseman's Trial of Strength—the Drinking Horn—Almost immediately after, the company will adjourn to the R.S.A. Hall for the smoker concert, which is timed for 7.30 pm. Invitations have been sent to the Chairman of the College Council (Dr. Rintoul, the Principal; Dr. Williams), representative of the town, townships, boroughs, and the College Account. Members, or anyone who wishes to, may come from Government myself and others.

Kyar Than also spoke of what some Australian branches of W.U.S. are doing; taking charge of certain projects which are building up libraries in Asian Universities—and of the Graduate Employment Scheme, by which some graduate have already gone to work for the Indonesian Government.

Only by such creative developments — fostering, so to help our fellow students — we hope solve these small problems as far as human relations in the world are concerned.

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