Drama Critic Applauds . . . .

“MUCH ADO” VERY SUCCESSFUL
Kudos For Dramatists

THIS is a very successful show. Much ADO isn’t an easy play for amateurs. Too much depends on the sophisticated word-tennis of Beatrice and Benedick, the sort of verbal wit that is popular in the Elizabethan “colleges of witscrapers.” Nothing warms up humanly until we slide into Act 2, and there aren’t even any clowns to lighten things till Act 3. It is a play with rather dry goings, even for professionals, in the terms of Shakespeare.

Shakespeare uses “the mixture as before,” some sighing, lovers, some scolding, some comic orators and an Italian intrigue. The intrigues are poetic, sententious stuff that can instantly be converted into the sort of thing that can be dealt with at first or second glance. The scolds mock and jest and sparkles of verbal dexterity follow blander amusingly about. In the acting, Miss Checketts and Miss Culpin did much credit to Sylvia and Cordelia and Cupid wins the match. Shakespeare sets these airy aristocrats of his times to work as a Comedy. Blythe, Ardern, Nannerly, Verity—but this play’s Arragon—but Where doesn’t matter because it’s always Nowhere anyway, though England at the same time. The long bowls are there and down these plays to a very Elizabethan earth, Dogberry and Vergile and their watch kept the Queen’s peace in Stratford, or Westminster, or Bankside, and just bumbled naturally over into Arragon. Unlike some of Shakespeare’s clowns, they are vital to the plot and to the tone and the mood of this comedy. No one is more essential than the watchmen, who keep us from the reality of the world.

REAL ACHIEVEMENT

Beatrice and Benedick did their best with the Shakespeareian tableau of the opening scenes, and really the last stage move once the decompositions were set on foot. It was a delightful high comedy sort of stuff, with plenty of variation of pitch and pace. As scolds and jesters and confidante of this play’s Arragon—but Where doesn’t matter because it’s always Nowhere anyway, though England at the same time. The long bowls are there and down these plays to a very Elizabethan earth, Dogberry and Vergile and their watch kept the Queen’s peace in Stratford, or Westminster, or Bankside, and just bumbled naturally over into Arragon. Unlike some of Shakespeare’s clowns, they are vital to the plot and to the tone and the mood of this comedy. No one is more essential than the watchmen, who keep us from the reality of the world.

Real achievement of this play was that Miss Checketts as Beatrice and Miss Culpin as Cordelia were the best of all. Miss Checketts was a delight in the role of a life-size, long-haired Beatrice. Miss Culpin was a beauty in the role of a long-legged, short-haired Cordelia. They were both splendid, as was Miss Ardern’s Portia.

DON JOHN GIMMER

Don John is a stumpy, a bit of a Machiavellesian, about the thing with the most subtle, the most cunningly grotesque. I am inclined to think that, otherwise, the tension of the play is diminished. John Treadwell did his best, but his voice and presence were a little too light. Probably he was miscast. Has the Drama Club in this wire devils or, alternatively, no good Basil Man?

INIMITABLE IDIOTS

And so to those inimitable idiots, the native English, constables. This is a play of Much ADO About Nothing, and the audience have had a lot of fun. Why shouldn’t the constables join in? Like his betteres, Dog.

EXEC. MOVES TO IMPROVE COMMON ROOMS

INCREASED locker space and hot water are two of the facilities named in a survey of the student body which was presented to the Registrar (Mr. L. O. Bronsche) by the Executive Committee on March 10 the Executive drew up the following list “in respect of fixtures, surroundings and fittings.”

The Registrar has also been told that in addition there will be a number of other improvements, such as the women’s common room and cloakroom and that the Student’s Association has been asked to work out further in this matter.

The committee also decided to investigate the possibility of providing chairs, tables and benches, a third, fourth and fifth floor, and present in West House have been suggested for use as such.

The women’s common room Committee was asked to write to the Registrar drawing his attention to the need for a common room in the first junior rooms and the need for a cloakroom for the staff and students in the faculty of arts, science and engineering.

Owing to space limitations some items listed above may not be included. The Executive will report to the next meeting for action on these points.

New issues of SALIENT are scheduled for delivery, to Tuesday April 4. A facsimile letter containing full contents and some other information is expected to be available for distribution by the University of Victoria Library at 5 a.m. on the next day.
Letters to the Editor

Lack Of Facilities

Dear Editor:

Since our students have reached the senior class, many have been discussing the idea of building a new library. However, I feel that this is not a practical idea. A new library would not only be expensive but would not provide the necessary facilities for our students. In my opinion, the funds should be used for other purposes, such as improving the existing facilities or providing additional equipment.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

DIAW PURING

DEAR SIR—Some time now has passed since the Congress at Colombo Court. Yes, many students were shocked and disturbed by the events. Many of us felt that the Congress was a worthwhile event for the students. However, the atmosphere was not conducive to meaningful discussions.

The晚上's event was a continuation of the Congress, and many students were present. The atmosphere was more relaxed, and the discussions were more productive. Overall, I think the Congress was a success, and I hope that we can have more such events in the future.

Yours sincerely,

[Signature]

EDITORIAL

"Lunatics on the Fringe"

After hearing our beloved historian, Dr. J. G. Beagley, speak, a freshman student some days ago, he suspected that he knew that a large number of those present would not heed his words. "Victoria is not a glorified night school," said the doctor: We would: it has lost its glory: it is more a night school than ever. He cannot fail to appreciate that the role of the University in this country is primarily utilitarian. The average student (regrettably an entity only for statisticians) leaves Victoria more learned perhaps than when he entered, but certainly no more wise. Wisdom is gained largely through application of right reason to one's everyday living. There are virtues and vices and partly through that, a deeper and more penetrating understanding of human nature. A certain amount of what often nowadays passes for "wisdom" is merely the survival of an old idea or of the 19th century, and we defy anyone to dispute this thesis, that the average student does not gain any benefit from Victoria College beyond a minor need ticket.

It is somewhat anomalous to read that Professor Bailey holds that a new library block is as important as a student union building. Granted, we could benefit immensely from a new library. But unless, as a University community, benefit even more from a union building.

The second point is, the sciences block on the planning board, the College Council legislated the Union building to second priority. With the science block now under way, it appears that there is a move to go ahead with the union block. These two are the union building will, it is assumed, again take second place. And so on.

Nothing at Victoria College is needed at this time more than a Union building. The common room, the cafeteria and the gymnasium—the students' facilities are undoubtedly the best in Australia. We have in the past lain here because we knew there was little hope for improvement in the near future. The position is now changed. It is up to Council to take a waking attitude to the union building. A new invention science block costing £50,000 and two hundred yards a way gymnasium which has been in use since 1916, the electrical wiring system of which has been condemned.

What good is a savoy-sewery science block or a new 250,000 volume library to the student body, if at the end of their stay here of three, five or seven years they come out impoverished in spirit and in health, with degrees that will demand that they re-consider their textbooks and lectures and are prepared to apply their narrow intelligences and shabby eyesight. I am quite sure that the administration is actively trying to advancize the quality of toilet paper or wrapping for chewing gum.

We suspect, and indeed we hope that Council as a whole does intend to neglect union building yard previous plans. They do realize that this is an absolute necessity. As such it must have first priority.

Thaddeus K. Deverell

Ph.D., University of Oxford

Letters to the Editor

Lack Of Facilities

Dear Sir,—I was interested to read your letter in the latest issue of the University Magazine. As a student at Victoria College, I would like to add a few points to your discussion.

Firstly, I agree with your observation that the lack of facilities is a serious problem. The current library is too small and outdated, and it definitely does not meet the needs of our student population. In addition, the union building is in desperate need of renovation.

Secondly, I believe that the College Council should prioritize the construction of a new library and union building. The current facilities are not sufficient to cater to the needs of our students, and it is time for the University to invest in the future of its students.

I hope that my comments will be considered when the College Council makes decisions about the allocation of resources.

Yours sincerely,

[Signature]
NZUSA—NUAUS

Travel-Exchange Scheme

Entries close June 30th.

VICTORIA UNIVERSITY COLLEGE has allocated twelve
seats on an air charter scheme sponsored jointly by NZUSA
and the NUAUS. According to the latest word, the NZUSA Travel
and Exchange Officer, Mr. P. S. Stannard, stated that Titus, Cook and
Sons, Ltd, Travel Agents, have been appointed official NZUSA travel
agents for this trip. The allocation of seats is on a first-come-first-served
basis, and you are recommended to write immediately to the above
office for your application to be considered.

T W E L V E  S A E T S

To ensure the success of this year's charter, NZUSA has decided to
allocate each college a particular number of seats. The number of seats for
each of the major colleges (four) are as follows:

- Auckland

In the event of any college receiving applications in excess of the
quota those will be recorded in chronological order and preference will be
given to those applicants who a quota applicant withdrew from the charter.

Cook will endeavour to make all
towel arrangements for any
applicants selected on the charter.

T W E L V E - T O N E  M U S I C  P O P U L A R

No matter what attitude New Zealand performers may take towards the twelve-tone music of Schönberg, Berg, Webern and their followers, they should give this unique art form the audience it deserves. This was very
much the attitude of the New Zealand Music Society evening devoted to
such music last week. Works which have been played were Arnold Schönberg's "Opus 36" and "Opus 31" (poem by Lord Bryon) and Aaron Copland's Symphony No. 3. Surprisingly, it was Schönberg's
work which brought most comment - poor Copland was almost

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"Pie In the Sky" Concern Over Facilities

Does your club need a room?

Most of us would say yes. For most clubs have had to use whatever is available for the use of the club. It was pointed out that many students and graduating seniors would be available for their use and that the students were willing to be used at their own expense in order to overcome this. All that was required was permission to use a site in the college grounds. It is our firm belief that the administrators should not be permitted on the buildings or facilities but only the students themselves. Only this way will the college keep its head in the sand! For years the administrators have been promising that certain buildings have been a permanent feature of the college.

Art Centre Faculty Meeting

The Annual Student Survey was conducted with some futility. Few students attended, but the general opinion was that the Arts Centre facilities were overcrowded. Many students were of the belief that the Art Centre faculty was overcrowded with old professors and only a few students were interested in learning because they were not interested in the Arts Centre faculty was overcrowded with old professors and only a few students were interested in learning because they were not interested in the arts.

RSVP:

Please reply by the 15th of the month to

School of Business

President: John Doe

Vice President: Jane Smith

Secretary: Robert Brown

Treasurer: Mary Davis

Meeting Date: Monday, 15th of the month

Meeting Time: 7:00 PM

Meeting Location: Room 101, Endicott College

All members are encouraged to attend.

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This is WEIR

Presidential elections: Initiation ceremony: House records exhumed; and a Picnic.

ONCE again we have exercised our democratic right to elect our officers, and once again the good distillation of Housemen who had offered themselves for the honour, duties and abuse that fall to those elected to executive positions on the WEIR Committee.

President this year is Barry Bois, well known in the community for his hard work and turn-out performance and organisation in a number of major sporting activities.

Last year, along with a considerable number of activities, Barry was our Junior Delegates to the Inter-House Tournament, and represented VCUB in the annual VRC Inter-House Tournament. The men's singles final only to be won by our Pete Duff, a most-fierce and hard-fought match.

At the Winter Tournament our captain organized the Golf and finished up in the top half-dozen competitors. And this year, from the very heavy responsibility we shall be facing as President, he is to be VRCB's Senior Delegate to Easter Quack Attack.

Guy Pauza, Editor of last year's WEIR, is now in his second year as President, and is, as we were surprised to learn, a very consistent student, is Vice-President, Bill White is our Secretary, and John Biggatt is Treasurer.

DISJETRA MEMBRA...
(The Initials)

The annual custom of plastering the novices with yellow dung is one that is observed by all the members of the House. For the first time this year, the new, drafted outnumbered the old guard. For the first time, the novices were the majority. The new class of novices was so much more of a mob of boys, freely molested by the seniors, that one would imagine that some of them must have been the shield-bearers of the earlier times, and worthy of note.

In the light of these facts it is true to say that the House is no longer a house of slavery. Our seniors have taken the law into their own hands and are now in the position to enforce their will.

Now it can again be said that the Bishop of Shamblesbury, Father Trevor Hudd- ston and Mr. Patrick Brown are not only the masters of the house, but also the masters of the novices. They have undoubtedly ridden roughshod the hopes of Com- monist trouble-makers.

DAZE BAY

The cold front, as anticipated for the SUC was delayed but arrived in time for the final day's events. Only at 9:30 Housemen appeared semi- with cases and coats, some from the embittered, and fleeing the cold and a little incidents legible, and finding the canteen and a little incident legible, and finding the canteen

The late winter in the affairs seems to be coming to an end. The thawing in the Ams. Minutes Book—October 16, 1960.

DEPARTMENT...
SPORTS PAGE

EDITORIAL

At this time of the year the thoughts of sporting people are turning from the green turf and blue skies of the summer to the mud and slush of the winter playing field, from cricket and tennis to football and hockey. It seems strange therefore that Sports Page of this issue is chiefly occupied by reports from the Annual Meetings of several of the winter sports clubs. By reading all the annual reports one is able to pick out several very significant points which recur over and over again. Isolation to all and I would therefore like to mention some of these in this, my first editorial.

The first, and most disturbing feature of the reports was the ever recurring mention of the difficulty clubs had last year in regularly fielding lower-grade teams. As mentioned elsewhere on this page, "good" strong and keen teams in the lower grades are the backbone of any sporting club. A survey of the reasons why most clubs could not take advantage of the full sporting opportunities open to them at this University appears elsewhere on this page, so I will not comment at present.

The second point, and one which appears to be the direct opposite of the first, is that last season Victoria College teams enjoyed (collectively) their best season in the past decade. The success of both the Rugby and Harrier Clubs was almost overwhelming, while all of the other clubs had their fair share of success also, and the season concluded with the magnificent climax of winning the University Winter Tournament here in Wellington last week.

Yes, it was a great season but last year has passed and we have moved on to this season and the next and the one after that. It is when considering the future that we find a need to stop and think—what can be done to make our clubs and sports teams attractive enough to draw and retain their members?

The answer to that question lies in the hands of Club Committees, and we would urge all clubs to consider the matter carefully; to think about the Senior teams and what can be done about the lower-grade players, so that real club spirit may be fostered and we will have a true team spirit. Having read the GMC last week as a contribution to a discussion on why younger players did not attend the club's social functions, we were confronted with one of the problems that I thought I had solved.

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VUC PLACE-GETTER

Our congratulations go to I. L. Lusk, of the VUC Athletic Club for his fine performance in taking second in the Cross Country at the New Zealand Championships at Auckland.

MANAGER

The manager who would manage the Wellington representatives of the N.Z. Rugby Union, according to management, is in a position which, we hope, he will be in when complete.

CLUB TIE

The Rugby Club members should be pleased to note that the tie which is not a tie, now, after much negotiation, actually suits the club in the process of manufacture and it is hoped it will be available in the next few weeks.

SELECTION OF N.Z. RUGBY

Mr. Jeff, the Rugby Club's delegate to the New Zealand Selection Committee, has reported on the Selection Committee the suggestion that the club members present themselves for the benefit of the committee the morning of the appointment to the incoming council that they would be interested in being selected for the appointment on the NZRUUPC the appointment of N.Z. Rugby representatives.

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