LACK OF CORPORATE LIFE

One of the greatest things that a University can offer to its members is the benefit that comes from fellowship and association and all that is implied by these two words. The Weir House motto, "Ex Contubernio Robur" attempts to express this idea, "Strength through Living together".

Our Vice-Chancellor (Dr. Williams) has said on many occasions that in his experience both from his observations of Universities abroad and from his conversations with visiting University men, Victoria is the most poorly provided for in the Commonwealth in respect of facilities for corporate student life. That statement has never been challenged. Even a comparison with the other Universities and University Colleges in New Zealand would show how sadly we are in need of very much more than we have.

BACKGROUND AND HISTORY

Since the establishment of Victoria College the student body has recognised the very great need for recreation and a corporate existence. In 1929 a gymnasium was planned and in 1929 it was built very considerably from funds provided by students and graduates. That building, which now stands above the tennis courts, can no longer provide for our requirements.

In 1929 the first meetings were called to give consideration to a new building which would include rooms for club meetings and functions. But it was not until 1936 that the first plans were prepared for a four-storey building which provided for a gymnasium, men's and women's common rooms and cloak rooms, lounge, committee rooms, Executive rooms, office, cafeteria and hall.

The Second World War prevented any progress until 1946 when the Government of the day agreed to certain subsidies for a student building.

Three years later, in 1949, an appeal was made to the citizens of Wellington and £10,000 was received and credited to an account which had been open for some time. Again in 1953 the Association and the University Council sought an architect to prepare sketch plans and the Stroniton Group was appointed.

INCREASED LEVY

For several years before 1956 each student enrolled at Victoria was taxed to the extent of approximately 5/- each year. This, together with the generous contributions of friends of our College, caused the bank account to grow steadily.

In 1956 at a Special General Meeting the Association agreed that from 1957 each student would contribute a £1 for that year and for each succeeding year.

GOVERNMENT SUBSIDY

This gesture was well received by Council and by Cabinet and early in 1957 the Hon. R. M. Algic (Minister of Education) wrote to the University College advising that his Government was pleased (1) to agree to the sketch plans submitted (2) to give authority for the preparation of working drawings (3) to agree to subsidies of £2 for each £1 that we could raise, with a limit of £100,000 from the the Government; (4) to agree to a further subsidy of £1 for every £2 of our money with a limit of £15,000 from Government (5) to agree to the Council's borrowing £50,000 on certain conditions.

This announcement was a very great encouragement to us and so was the Minister's letter addressed to me as President of the Students' Association which complimented us on our decision to make such a considerable contribution to the Building Fund by taxing ourselves of a £1 each year. It is interesting to note that with the increasing student roll this contribution from 1957 to 1965 will represent a sum of approximately £26,000.

SITUATION AND PROVISIONS

The plans which have the approval of the Association and University Council provide for the following:—

(i) Common Common Room
(ii) Men's Common Room
(iii) Woman's Common Room
(iv) Caféteria
(v) Dining Room for formal functions
(vi) Quiet reading room
(vii) Reference Room
(viii) Editorial Room
(ix) Club meeting rooms and kitchens
(x) Games Room
(xi) Executive offices
(xii) Records Room
(xiii) Theatre and auditorium with accommodation over 400 people, storage space, green room, dressing rooms, provision for movie projection, space for flying scenery, workshop, etc.

This building will be erected on the site of the present tennis courts.

GYMNASIUM

On a separate site, to the south of the present gymnasium a new gymnasium with changing rooms, showers and instructors' rooms will be built. It had been intended originally to have the gym immediately above the theatre in the Union Building block but for technical and financial reasons this will not now be so.

COST

When the Government agreed to the subsidies and sketch plans in 1957 negotiations were carried out in terms of a project estimated to cost approximately £260,000. With the moneys banked, together with raised subsidies and a loan of £50,000, we shall be short of the required figure by £30-35,000. It is hoped that a considerable portion of this will be forthcoming as a consequence of a second appeal which will not be opened until physical progress is evident on the site and those who have contributed already are assured that their generous gifts, made several years ago, are being put to the purpose for which they were intended.

RECENT PROGRESS

Progress since 1959 has been slow and often disheartening, but it is true to say, I feel sure, that this year's freshmen are likely to enjoy the pleasures of the new building towards the end of the close at Victoria.

It is expected that the detailed working drawings will be completed by the end of March and that the quantity surveyor's estimates will follow shortly after. When these plans are completed it will be necessary to have the Minister's approval given to the working drawings. At the February meeting of Council the Chancellor (Mr. T. D. M. Stout) and the Vice-Chancellor were given authority to call for tenders when the plans, mentioned above, are completed.

THE FUTURE

I fail to see how any Minister of Education or his Government could find a good and sufficient reason for preventing the realisation of our dream. In recent months the Vice-Chancellor reported to Council on the needs in our building programme during the next ten years. Much publicity was given in the Press to this report, which had the Student Building at the top of its list. Not only has the Vice-Chancellor made public comment on the lack of facilities at the Universities and the need for greater provision but so also has the Minister of Education, who seeks to increase his Department's estimate by £100,000. The Wellington Branch of the University Teachers' Association of New Zealand at its meeting in March made some comment on the appalling lack of facilities.

PROGRAMME

With these two needs in mind doubt is as to whether the nature of the University requested the appearance of this second appeal is yet fully appreciated post-war increase in number of staff and teaching assistant is related directly to demand over the Arts and Library Building it is a matter of some concern that such matters were completed in the figures for 1958. To cope with the immediate need in the second place the number of staff and teaching staff is related directly to the demand for the University Grants in Government circles.
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TO OUR READERS

One or two readers have apparently received a false impression as to what editorial policy is for 1958. When the editor applied for the position of editor he promised that "Salient" would continue to be a lively and controversial publication pulling no punches. This is in contrast to the earlier policy (1956) of turning "Salient" into a mere gossip sheet. Well, this is exactly what I am endeavouring to do. My editorials are not meant as expressions of sectarian arrogance. They are not meant to be the last word on the subject. Rather they are nothing more than an attempt to set the ball rolling. Every reader is invited to send in his own viewpoint and in that way correct the editor might have made.

In choosing my staff I made it as cosmopolitan as possible. It certainly does not consist of any one ideological group. The editor himself is a Catholic; one assistant-editor is a Presbyterian; the other assistant-editor is a rationalist and the sub-editor is a Marxist Socialist; the Secretary is a professed communist; the sports editor and the publicity-manager are Anglicans; the literary-editor is even President of the Anglican Society; and, finally, the Bookshop Officer is a Catholic. No more representative group could be found on any university club committee.

-T.J.K-

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What is held in store for us is not easy to determine. We do hope, however, that we shall have two fine buildings that we shall be proud to call our own. We, as students, and those who were our predecessors, have worked hard and long for something which is much needed. It is our wish that the Association shall exercise control over the functions and facilities of these buildings and that we shall be able to conduct our own corporate life in our own way.

The suggestion that Council should appoint a Warden to the Union Building is wholly unacceptable. Throughout the 60 years of the Association's existence there has been no such need for supervision. From my reading of our history we have every reason to be proud of the manner in which students have managed their affairs and the facilities at their disposal.

The possibilities which the new buildings offer are considerable. Our student life has been severely restricted in the past and I feel sure that the character of Victoria will be greatly enhanced with the new provisions. The opportunities for students to meet and recreate, to exchange thoughts and ideas and to live a corporate life will be great.

We shall come nearer to the collegiate ideal and the traditions of the European University system which have proved to be worthy over the centuries. It is a kind of life which brings with it immeasurable benefits to those who are so fortunate to enjoy it.

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The Christian Commitment GOD is, and is in the abounding, living, and continuous encounter of men who live in a real, though intellectually, world, and in which, as I have seen, the only issue is to come into a loving relationship to their creator and their fellow men. Moreover, God's nature is not simple, it is a diversity within a greater unity. This was the ground from which the Rev. Charles Jennings courts developed his argument concerning the Christian commitment. The Church of England gives three addresses to the Anglican Society recently.

Religion is man's total response to his total environment, and so will operate in every area of his life, including his existence. The Christian commitment is also the Christian religion. In his Godward relation, the Christian's commitment in his response to the living objective of God calling him to accept his vocation of worship and leading him to the realm of munificent mystery. Out of this worshiping relationship in God, which has the three aspects of appreciation, acceptance and appropriate action, springs the Christian's relationship to his fellow men, to assure and improve his nature. He is not in the world to shun it, but to love it, to be, by acting as the loving servant of men, and the priest of his nation. Only this can his worship of God be fulfilled and right.

The Christian who is living his commitment will find that by the grace of God he will face up to the temptation of Christ's Incurtainment, a challenge of God to the world, and, as part of the Church, in cooperation with God in transforming the damaged world to his proper state of healing. Only the appropriateness, interdependence of worship of everything and every body, performing his God-given function blindly or conscious, can achieve that transformation which is the Atonement, when the whole world glorifies God, and the hurt world is healed by the very nature of His love and unified direction and does not just strive in the Christian commitment becomes the Christian reward.

Here and now the commitment is expressed in the Holy Eucharist, which is the focus of the climax of every aspect of a man's vocation, on every level of his life. The Christian must live out his commitment at the altar, in his family, at his work, in fact, every waking and sleeping minute.

The Rev. Hazlett, a visitor from Denmark, is vicar of All Saints', the O.T. Parish Church.

To the Editor
Sir,—I would like to make just one point concerning the editorial in your last issue. I think that if there were an increase in sectarian aggression—so plainly evidenced recently—then the only outcome of a decline in rationalism, atheism, and so on, this country will certainly be no gainer by it—Yours faithfully,

A. JENKINS.

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RATIONALISM DEFENDED
The second editorial in the first issue of "Salient" titled "Rationalism Defended" deserves comment on a number of grounds. Firstly, I believe that the editor must seek to explain to the students of this University that there has been a serious confusion of ideas on the part of those who record themselves on the essay returns in one or other of the "non-religious" categories. The fact is that it is plain to see that this trend has somehow or other been caused by the light and "logical" discussions, and the "findings" I find difficult to accept and sound. Furthermore, I see no evidence that the editors rely on for making their arguments. But not inconsiderable body of academic opinion has found in the Dead Sea Scrolls more support for a non-supernatural account of happenings in Judaea two thousand years ago than for the record in the New Testament.

Whatever can be concluded from these investigations or reported to me that the decline in "Rationalism" can be attributed is no other reason to other factors. I propose to mention one only. Please imagine the following scenario: a number of fearful inertia economically, militarily and politically menacing developments must seem drug-like comfort and assurance and it cannot be possible, the present situation. But the phenomena of "Rationalism" in this regard seems analogous to a phenomenon that has always analogous to a phenomenon that has always and physical pain without curing the basic malfunctioning in the body. I well recall many of my friends who are, unlike myself, religious, who have been asked to add that I think that this is just the our ultimate the paramount factor religiosity of human beings, it does, I think, even more by giving back to relativism in our times.

This leads me to another point, made by the editor. He says, "These figures of religious affiliation are significant evidence for those who consider that the religious life of New Zealanders is the same as that of those New Zealanders who are Catholics like myself?" Does the editor really mean this? In a New Zealand with 30 per cent. decline in "Rationalism" and a corresponding increase in "Religion", the Christian churches in the Magistrates' Courts in criminal matters has risen from 24.3 to 32.7 per cent. of the total population in 1951 to 35.3 in 1956. In the same period there has been the same increase in the number of convictions for forgery, in 1951 1508, in 1956 2074. I certainly do not wish to argue whether the increase in religious profession has caused the increase but I think it reasonable to infer that greater religious belief has been a possible cause for the increase in actual crime.

In case anyone thinks that this tendency is confined to New Zealand, the whole trend in the U.S.A. provides a much more striking example of the same thing. The 1958 year book of the National Council of Churches claimed an overall increase in membership against an estimated increase in total population of 15 per cent. The Council claimed that 67.2 per cent. of Americans of all ages were members of a church as compared with 20 per cent. a century ago. In the last 50 years church membership had increased, whereas, total national population had increased by only 40 per cent. In September 1957, 32.2 per cent. of the total population in the U.S.A. was increasing at about three times the rate of the population in the U.S.A. Mr. Edgar Hoover, director of the F.B.I., pointed out that from 1953 to 1963 90,000 persons had increased in rural areas from 3.5 per 100,000 to 47.5 per 100,000 in 1956. Perhaps one can say that the good news is that the bad news that the general conclusion remains the same that the population's times have done nothing to stop an increase in crime in the world, and that perhaps many souls are saved in the next.

HECTOR MACNEIL, Assistant Editor.

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CURRENT COMMENT

CONFERENCES

So the next Sestra Conference is to be in Wellington. Why then to have the summit conference here as well. Mr. Vosperia would perhaps be a better place.

Equal Pay

Government favours equal pay for equal work and apparently intends to give a lead to employers by raising the salaries of women civil servants to that of men who do the same work. This is obviously an ill-advised measure and should not be done. There will presumably be some money in circulation in the form of a personal gift but just what is the money to be paid to that of the men? Equal pay for equal work could, of course, be achieved thereby as the women would have a number of less nurses who do not go out to work). The only fair thing is to average out the pay of men and women employees and this can be done with the amount paid out by the employers. For example, if there are certain jobs three men and two women are employed and that all the men and the women $500 a year each. Thus total paid out will be $900. This, divided equally among all five employees, will be $180 a year. Each. This plan a plan that is yet fully and finally whether it is in the public interest in favour of the equal much pay for equal work principle and do not want that decision to be followed by a rout of a round of equal pay for equal work will be the same for all. Thus they will have to put up with; and we will be worse off than before.

Girls Love Yanks

Many New Zealand girls have had Americans from America. From an American point of view, by the time that American can create the girls for that, every girl can marry whoever she chooses. By this time, the girls will be educated and then she be later, they will have to put up with; and we will be worse off than before.

The Empire's Power

The two Russian spheres set up by the owners of the balance of world although the second had some dog that is the power of the opposition countries. The time the U.S. Army was successful with Explorer 1. Meanwhile, the U.S.S.R. no man who had been born free, had failed more than once with its Vanguard. Now that it has launched something described as a strategic, probably the best of their earlier "anyone could have launched it" sort grapes.

What are these "Empire" Games? The papers are full of them, the competition in the games will come from Britain's "emperor" but from a number of independent states. The term "Empire", or even "British Empire" is truly offensive to the competitors from the newly independent states that will be represented. The concept of the unity of the states is, as India's Mrs. Menon, who recently visited New Zealand, has pointed out, the Commonwealth. Let us then see how the British Commonwealth and the world Games and remember that this is the second of the twentieet and the nineteenth. More next time on this subject.

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YACHTING

In a series of races under widely differing conditions sailed at the Erskine Cup, a course of three was selected to represent the University in the annual Easter tournament. Practice has been hampered by the lack of our own yachts. However by securing the loan of one from the Royal Port of Trade and have a University fleet in the water. Meanwhile, the Boon-beating Rowing Boat Club for use of their equipment and facilities. Our crew and delegations form a strong combination and are all out to beat last year's performance. Tom Haddell (Napier Sailing Club) has worked in a variety of roles and has been an experienced first-year member of University gatherings. For the responsible element (revolving phrase but useful and very descriptive) I can only offer the advice, STAY AT HOME! For the remaining majority, please remember that the tolerance of civilians cannot be relied upon to any great extent, so treat your bettors (of which the majority will be Non-Varsity) City Officials, and Organizers, always with consideration. Incidentally, don't forget to give your vociferous support to other sports; your presence will be a great incentive to them.

SPORTS EDITOR.

DRAMA DISASTER

With ten days still Easter Tournament the producer of the Tournament play, "Electra", by Sophocles, has been informed that Virginia Todd is not available for Tournament through illness. Virginia, well known in Wellington Drama, was to have played the exacting role of Electra in this Greek play. Courteously, Mrs. Moore (producer) considered playing the part.

On Tuesday, the producer and some of the leading Juniors in the country.

The women's team is headed by Jenny Kerry, who was a former member of the team for many years, and has represented Wellington for many years. She has been a great asset to our team.

A timber team this year, the women's team has represented University in timber competition, and Robert Green, a member of the Senior A Interclub competition this season, and Richmond Grammar, one of the leading Juniors in the country.

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SWIMMING

The V.I.U. Swimmers’ Club has this year got its strongest team for many seasons. The water polo team has Than Verhoeven in goal, Theo, a Wellington rep, and selected captain of the V.I.U. polo team in Australia last year. The backs are Conor McBride, Ben Raftery, Captain, and Bruce Scoringer, a Wellington rep. In the centre we have Terry Richardson, another Wellington rep, and Peter Hook, one of our best swimmers. Up front are Don Pavilion-Smith, a Hawkes Bay rep, and Spencer Birt, a Martin Surf surfer, and the Club’s star player this summer. As reserve we have Lloyd Allen, who played for us last Easter, and Sean Pari, another of last year’s N.Z.U. team in Australia. As usual the V.I.U. Women, though not at peak form now, have not all the swimming ability we re used to. Of course, Jack, our team vice-captain, is once again to the fore. Jackie has two Auckland Blues and two Vic Blues, and we hope to see her get an Olympic Blue for the freestyle events. In the breaststroke, Marilyn Inade, (a frother), shows much promise and should do well, though Otamo are strong in this event. Diana Page is a good diver who should not have much difficulty taking a place in the event. Jennifer Harling, Pauline Gal-

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PSYCHOLOGY SCORNED

The recent visit of the American so-called Educator, Dr. Ausubel, to the troubled valley land of Pakistan has raised controversy on psychological methods of education in schools. Dr. Ausubel apparently prefers American-style methods and thinks we should adopt them to prevent boycotts. Confronting the nation with juvenile delinquency rate in the world, Dr. Ausubel should have the same to shut up about American psychiatric methods and we should have a good look at them before we get them foisted off onto us.

Basically psychiatric methods of Education— at least practiced in America—are dangerous to any community because they do not teach the moral responsibility of the individual. How will children learn what is right and what is wrong if they are not taught?—for psychiatric methods teach children to live inside homes as well as schools and an abnormal attitude of children to religious instruction. If they get taught motivations instead of moral and "socially desirable" concepts instead of right and wrong, how can we expect them to behave by moral standards.

Psychiatrists themselves cannot agree on how to teach children. One moment they are screaming at their silly heads off and the next they could possibly hope to enjoy under not-so-wealthy conditions. Not a word, mind you, about learning anything or becoming decent people. We can all agree on "personal development" some psychiatrists are advocating. A child develops into a selfish incontinent, insolent, egotistical, and greedy person, and we are going to defer to the psychiatrists and allow the child to defeat the main purposes of Education. If immature children are allowed to "choose their method of development" it is obvious that all but a few will choose the easiest—that is human nature. If they get no discipline, how can they learn self-discipline. Besides, aren't the teachers doing their pupils a terrible injustice if they do not make them attain certain standards? The outside world will come to the pupils and take a shock to pupils who have been taught to go in the psychiatrists' theories of development.

On the school systems "group development" and psychological methods don't it commiserate a terrible crime to the individual, mentally and spiritually. If the pupils must remain at the same level of the dullest learner won't brighter pupils simply be converted into ignorant and frustrated pupils? Has the Indian education system defeated the main purposes of Education? If children are kept from having to face spiritual reality—the existence of God—by the despisers of the psychiatrists to prevent "emotional disorder" it means that the end of Christian civilization is to end of 2,000 years of truth and the whole is the holding of the psychiatrist so that the people of the world can decide their own future. Her stand is supported by the American National Security Council and every person who is a Narko-wealth at heart.

At the moment it looks as though Pakistan is to reach such a state. All resolutions published by the Security Council are contemptuously ignored in the same way as the resolutions of the future. It seems that not only a war of 1947 Pakistan could wrest the Valley of Kashmir from India. To this length Pakistan is not prepared to go; yet in South Asia, the situation is quite serious. If discipline is not maintained in schools because it is "psychologically unreasonable", how can any standard of behaviour or learning be kept under the lower emotions? (A view, incidentally, which was coincident with true Christian belief in the "natural man"—read any of Saint Paul's Letters—but outdated bychurism anything else) If Pakistan has not grown in the years it has become a profession with the wish of a genius (for a fee) giving people who have lost their moral reason to get rid of their moral responsibility and the American standards of morality and any decent standards of Education—society will be filled with immoral, semi-iliterate ignorant and selfish people who cannot think for themselves and soar at what is right. Whose only standards are those of Elvis Presley, the Sex-Orgy Hollywood Croc and the propaganda of political hate merchants—the standards of the wolf-pack.

We must keep these so-called modern psychiatrists from infecting our country with their social cancer before it is too late. Any psychological, education must be kept under control. If the British and American Councils and the teachers, ministers and scientists brought in "whatsoever a man can get a rap" says the Bible, and if we allow the psychiatrists to use the seeds of their unchristian, unscientific and inhuman methods in our schools we will indeed reap a bitter harvest.

D.A.P.

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