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Exec Spends More Time Doing Less

We Are Fed Up!

After the Special General Meeting on the Executive's management of student affairs at the beginning of the year, SALIENT thought it saw the appearance of a swallow heralding better weather. It turned out the swallow was merely perishing of some exec. oesophagi.

We didn't go all out to support Don Hampton (now no longer with us) because we didn't like his methods, and thought the shock exec. would get from the packed meeting would be sufficient to jerk them out of their lethargy. We were wrong. Frankly, on recent showings WE ARE FED UP with almost the whole lot of them.

We don't suspect they are lazy. In fact, the present incumbents have probably spent more time doing less than any of their predecessors. And if anyone can read between the very tight lines of the exec. minutes one will probably find they have pursued more irregular practices than any of their predecessors.

They have been full of good intentions and remarkably little action.

Take the question of the CAFE-TERIA alone. This issue first came to a head in the very first week of term. It caused much heated and serious chiding from everybody. By Easter a report had been brought down, which turned out not to be quite the last word that had been ex- pected.

A sub-committee was set up. It eventually met after Easter and after one member of the sub-committee had taken the law into their own hands and done some investigation. This refuted the exec.'s report and made certain recommendations. All these recommendations included bringing an outside caterer in to look at the situation. Bunty Hill (Mr. Bob's daughter) Miss Rosie had been told.

At the time of going to press Miss Rosie had still not been told.

There were reasons for this of course. Exec. had so many things to catch up on that it was some time before it could consider the sub-committee's report. Then following an uninformative discussion the report was adopted.

TOO TOUCHY

Normally David Wilson has taken Canteen under his own wing. Apparently this time it was too touchy and he delegated Cherry Pounton to do the dirty work, (just before Queen's Birthday Weekend).

Interestingly enough, SALIENT's suggestion that the canteen was progressively taking on a dark and lively sub- ground because it was touchy, has never been denied.

But this is only one leaf. In a tape of stormy events, rental vans were hired for the Prossen and Capitalae sales. One of these was returned soon after, but the other was kept on extensive hire, for the Industrial Study Tour. Extra- gante, and the association's annual dinner.

We don't suspect there must not have been a good reason for this, but we want to know why individual members of exec. were able to run up as much as 500 personal miles each.

UNCONSTITUTIONAL

Why too was a special meeting of exec. called at the Opera House 10 mins before 12:00 to discuss the charge for the hiring through their van accounts. A later meeting ratified the minuets of that meeting (we were unable to confirm them because of the unconstitutional position), but de- cided with a sudden twinge of responsibility that the vans should be charged to one account only.

The ratification was done de- spite the absence of the women's vice-president. Cherry Pounton, (not to be confused with Helen Pounton, who did not attend the special meeting 10 minutes before and refused to attend. President Wilson was away sick at the time and the constitution lays down the two vice-presidents must act jointly in such circum- stances.

Endeaved, vice-president John H. H. refused to be re- garded, as he did frequently during Wilson's absence.

Not that Wilson himself has so much to be blamed. Whether it was slanted at the S.G.M. or not, there is not much love lost between him and the rest of us (with the possible exception of female members). Quietly it is said that he is a banana and our reporter at the last meeting felt this wasn't far from the truth.

NO CONFIDENCE

He has his most valuable resource in exes and they in him. When on rare occasions, he designates, he does not seem to check the results very carefully, and often goes on his mercy war with little reference to his peers. Under Marchant and Calvin there were consultations before action. As Exec. and Exere is a story on its own, let us say that the exes and exere have the exemption of 40 gallons of grog on each night of the Wellington season. Do they care? Has this possibly anything to do with the exec. cost for the coming year of $2000? the main meeting of exec. was held this month in Exere! Last year profits were in the vicinity of $2000.

Nor was there any control of complimentary tickets. Dr. G. A. Currie and the United States ambassador, Mr. Frank- lin H. Russell, both art critics for the Daily Telegraph. Exere is as queer as to what had happened to their tickets they had not received even an acknowledgement. Last minute arrangements had to be made for the Press complimentary be- cause someone had lost a key.

To we go on. What hap- pened to the Exere tournament refund? What about the bars for the exere tournament, left alone the 1950 bars?

EMBARRASSED

What has been done about the vandalism and breaking and entering round the university? Was exec. quite so embarrassed because their own affairs were involved that they had to call a special meeting of all exec. who no one else was allowed to attend. The meeting ended with the suspects being pat- ted on the head and told not to be naughty boys again.

What has been done about the proposed Student Warden? SAIL- ENT is sick and tired of being told this is a subject of delicate negotiations.

Is it so delicate that the students are not entitled to know what is going on or that the student warden is really a serious issue?

It came up years ago and still the students know nothing about it. And just quietly few of us exec members really know what is going on.

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Editorial

BRANCH TAKES ROOT

At the same time as university councils throughout the country are shouting they can't staff their institutions, the decision is taken to dis-establish two more branch colleges and the same councils rub their hands with glee.

To our unseasoned (academically) minds it would appear that from solving the shortage of technician, administratrices, etc., the establishment of another institution, i.e., two more, will simply aggravate the staffing problem.

It may be argued that some of the staff already engaged in classes at Palmerston North will now be relieved, but this is no argument at all. The number of students these will increase at a much larger rate than if there were no institution and the number of courses to be taught must steadily increase.

To add to their discomfort, the Palmerston North staff (if they can be found) will have the burden of establishing a proper school of extra-curricular studies. This will show hardly any effect on the mother institution, for anybody who has done any extra-curricular work knows, it has never been any real burden to the local staff except in a few extra finals per year.

In short, in the midst of a staff shortage, the university and the Government are making it harder to reach anything like the ideal staff-student ratio.

The number of staff needed to achieve an ideal-student-staff ratio is considerably less than that needed in two colleges.

We know that many of Victoria's students come from outside Wellington, but they also come from outside Palmerston North. How much better would it have been to spend the money on a quarter of a million pounds that will be spent in Palmerston North in the next 10 years on improving housed accommodation in Wellington.

It seems that in answer to local pressures the Government has ignored the national problem, and the university faced with the possibility of getting nothing at all, has once again settled for the second best.

BLUES AWARDS


NO VACANCY

Sir — I am glad to see SALIENT does not depend on my services as it already has Mr. E. Jones, Yours, etc., L.D.A.

SLACK GIRLS

Sir — On behalf of a group of full-time girls students, I should like to know what the general opinion would be to girls wearing slacks and jerseys to vary every day.

In our opinion slacks are warm and comfortable, and can be made to look becoming. They are the obviously sensible mode of attire for those who are obliged to spend all day working around the "ivy" university buildings during Wellington's miserable winter.

However, those girls who so far have ventured out in slacks have drawn very adverse comments and glances.

We should like to know other people's views on this subject.

Yours, etc.

FREEZING FEMALES

PAYE

Below is a letter from the Deputy Commissioner of Inland Revenue, Mr. E. Curtin, regarding the taxation of university students' vacation earnings, which will be of much interest to students.

"The Minister of Finance, in a recent announcement, outlined a new law which will be of interest to students. The law is intended to prevent students from paying too much in tax on their vacation earnings.

"The Department has issued a statement that the new law will apply to all students who earn money during the vacation period. The Department will provide a tax deduction certificate for each student who earns money during the vacation period.

"Any student who considers that he is entitled to a refund of tax should make a return of income on the Inland Revenue form I.R. 59 and forward it to this Department, together with copies of any tax deduction certificates he has received from his employer. Any additional requirements will be published when details are known to the Department."

Contrary to the requirement mentioned in a previous article in SALIENT, certificates that students have earned for full-time classes are no longer required.

LETTES TO THE EDITOR

OBSCENITY

Sir — I have been wondering why students traditionally show their most obscene side to the public in Capricade. There seem to be three possibilities:

(1) "The city likes dirt. It is easier to make money with a dirty magazine than any other way. We want money and we don't care how we get it."

If this is our attitude I suggest the community has no further need of a University. There are already enough people making money by exploiting the less attractive side of humanity.

(2) "We don't care about the money. We write CAPICADE because we like that kind of thing."

Frankly, I think this is just not true. I think that most students are dirkler-minded than anyone else. If some of them, with their time and a University regularly published a magazine of the standard of this year's "Capricade," students would regard it with disgust and would be among the last to subscribe.

(3) I hope there is a third alternative. Namely, that it is tradition for Universities in New Zealand to produce "dirty" capering books. We students would be letting somebody down and failing to do our own "obscenity." If we are not obscene at Capping time, this is in fact the tradition which enunciates us, but it is surely an unnatural one. The essence of a student is not that he is particularly obscene or enjoys upsetting people, but that he approaches problems with an open, intelligent and fearless mind. This is hardy the impression given in "Capici-

BEETTER UNPUBLISHED

There is little doubt that this year's Capricade would have been better unpublished, but we would all be a little sorry to see it go for good. The effective Editor, programme "Time," gave an indication of what could be done in a different style. Why not, for instance, do an issue extraneous of the "EVENING POST, with a strong political flavour.

And when we speak of Capricade, or so long! Now consider the editors revert to the old patterns when the editors are in a huge responsibility. We must become reconciled to being editors, who only incidentally publish things for public consumption.

This year's lamentable effort was by no means entirely the fault of the editors. They are certainly capable, and probably willing to produce a magazine of quality, but the University has merely accepted to the unhappy tradition, and the editors have felt it was their job to follow suit. Capricade is an official publication of the students' association, and it is therefore the responsibility of all of us to change this tradition.

Yours, etc.

A. J. S. REID.

PLAUDITS

Sir — I would like to congratulate you and your staff on the high standards you have established in your issues of SALIENT. Congratulations and keep up the good work.

Yours, etc.

R. E. JONES.

BILLY JONES!

Sir — Recently there has been much widespread press and concern concerning Billy Graham. His name has been liberally tossed about among your readers.

But I cannot condone the attitude adopted by your correspondent R. E. Jones. I am not a Billy Graham fan, but the evangelical's sincerity is obvious to all but the learned Mr. Jones. Dr. Graham is giving of his whole self in an effort to bring the right ideals and the right perspective into an increasingly materialistic world. He is bringing the forces of Christianity to combat the forces of materialism.

Mr. Jones mentioned monetary rewards in connection with Dr. Graham. Would Mr. Jones have him live on the traditional bread and water? Unfortunately it would be of benefit, having the desired effect upon his health and so on his work.

If your correspondent cared to do a little research, he would discover that many parish clergy- men in the States, who do far less work, receive higher wages than does Billy Graham. I have no idea what he gets from his literary efforts.

Perhaps the said Mr. Jones himself intends to apply for the past he advertised in his letter. Disab-

Yours, etc.

SHERILL ANDERSON.

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EAST GERMANY

Five of the group of "counter- revolutionary" students of the Institute of Technology in Dresden, who were arrested in February, were recently sentenced to hard labour prison terms of from five to 10 years by an East German military tribunal.

Representatives from both West Berlin universities participated in the trial as observers. Six more Dresden students from the same group were to appear before the court as soon as this trial was ended. The sentencing of the East German students has caused lively protest among the students and general public of West Germany. (Special Report.)

BIBLICAL SCIENCE

Application of the spiritual truths contained in the Bible, as teachable means to enable mankind to meet today's problems in a practical way, Frederick Preller of Berlin, Germany, told an audience here in a lunch- hour address recently. (Special Report.)

An extended tour as a member of the Christian Science Board of Lecturers, Mr. Preller, under the auspices of the Christian Science Church at V.V.U. His subject was "Christian Science: Its Healing Message for Men and Nations." He was introduced by a member of the organisation, Mr. D. R. Mummery.

By replacing blind belief with spiritual understanding of God, men and women are gaining new freedom from fear, worry, sickness, lack, and misfortune, Mr. Preller declared. During the course of his lecture, he described the healings through spiritual means alone of heart trouble, hip disease and the after-effects of accidents.

According to Christian Science, the healer for the individual man, no matter what its nature, is the clear realization that cause and effect are inextricably bound together in God alone and that, therefore, good can never result in evil nor can God be the originator of sin, sickness and death.

Christian Science teachings emphasize the necessity for assimilating spiritual ideas. Spiritual sense enlightens thought, and enlightened thought includes spiritual understanding. This spiritual understanding reveals God to us in His true nature.

FOOTNOTE: After being bailed by at least four members of the Christian Science Society as to how the above article was to be written, or, as it seemed to SALIENT, how their propaganda should be put across, we decided not to give them the space we intended.

SALIENT makes it clear that it will not accept no-discrimination to report meetings open to all students, as one line was. The above supplied prices are given out of courtesy to the lecturer and not out of courtesy to the members of the society, who did not seem to understand what the word meant.

THE EDITOR.
SALIENT

SOME WEST BUT...

Victoria Goes South

Last summer a four-man party from Victoria University made some contribution to the knowledge of a small area of Antarctica by treating it unconventionally.

Nowadays the emphasis in polar exploration is swinging more and more to the large expedition, equipped with modern mechanical transport, and usually with considerable indebtedness to the taxpayer of the sponsoring country. Particularly is this true of the Antarctic, but the same applies to the Arctic as well.

However, in the northern region exploration, mapping, geological surveys, glaciological and meteorological investigations and so on—have been carried out, over the years, by small, modestly-equipped parties from the universities of Great Britain.

Because of the difference in scale of the transport problem at the two ends of the world, University expeditions of this kind to the Antarctic have not been feasible, but in this last summer, by means of a small party generously offered by the United States authorities, it proved possible to mount one.

VALLEYS IDEAL

The Wright Valley, Victoria Valley area of South Victoria Land was ideal for us. It is most unusual, being practically free of ice—and this allowed us to plan a back-packing expedition.

It is close enough to the U.S. Naval Air Facility at McMurdo Sound—about 80 miles away—to make the support of the expedition by the Americans not too onerous a task. It is a small enough area—250 square miles—to allow us, in a short season, to investigate a reasonable part of it. And most important, it had only two victims this season—by a four-man party who spent 10 days in the Victoria Valley in February 1958.

FASCINATING

This fascinating deglaciated area lies to the west of McMurdo Sound in the mountains of Victoria Land. It is separated from McMurdo Sound by the Wilcox Piedmont Glacier, which is about 12 miles broad and rises to 1500 feet above sea level.

In the south the area is bounded by the Taylor and Ferrar glaciers. In the west by the inland ice, at an altitude of about 8000 feet, and in the north by the Miller and Debenham Glaciers. The region consists of continental rocks, whose maximum altitude decreases from 8000 feet near the coast to 8000 feet near the inland ice plateau.

It is transected by two major east-west valley systems, the Wright Valley in the south and the Victoria Valley further north. Both valleys are more than 40 miles long.

The Wright Valley averages about five miles in width, and for most of its length the floor is at least 1000 feet above sea level. The Victoria Valley is more complex, splitting into two distinct arms in the western half. It is wider and lies between 2000 and 2000 feet above sea level.

During the early years of this century parties from Scott's and Shackleton's expeditions penetrated the entire length of the Ferrar and Taylor glaciers. Shackleton, who had made an 8000 and 1907 by aircraft of the U.S. Navy and the New Zealand part of the Trans-Antarctic Expedition that the full extent of the ice-free area to the north was appreciated.

Since ours was the first expedition of this kind to the Antarctic, we made it a small one. Three of the members, Dick Barwick, the geologist, and Peter and Barrie McKelvey, both geologists, had spent one or more summers in the Antarctic, while the fourth, Colin Bull, geophysicist, had spent two years in the Arctic.

We were taken down to McMurdo Sound in a U.S. Navy Navy-Hellcat seaplane and from there to the Wright Valley on December 13 by U.S. Navy Hellcats.

A base camp of two pyramidal tents and seven weeks' food was established at the eastern end of Lake Vanda, the five-mile-long, ice-covered lake, which occupies the lowest part of the valley, 30 miles from the coast, and we made also small depots of food and fuel at the eastern end and western ends of the valley.

The Wright Valley, being long and narrow, and having side walls 5000 feet high, completely conceals the local winds—either they blow up valley, or down valley.

We worked in pairs; Peter and Barrie together carried out the glaciological work, while Dick and Colin divided their time between survey, geophysics and biology.

The two pairs worked separately from one another, but, for safety's sake we carried two small battery-operated radio sets and had daily contact with each other, and with Scott Base twice weekly.

Using the three scattered food depots we managed to cover adequately the southern half of the dry-valley block and part of the north.

ANOMALOUS

Fascinating is certainly the right word to use for the area. Many aspects seemed anomalous. To start with, the weather was surprising.

At our base camp, which was about 500 feet above sea level, the temperature rose on two days to 47 degrees F, while the lowest was only 22 degrees F, and the average for the 32 days that we were there was 35 degrees.

This is about 15 degrees higher than the average temperature for December and January.

Fellow passengers at Scott Base, and about 10 degrees F higher than the values for the U.S. stations at Adelaide Point on the coast of McMurdo Sound, 48 miles east of our base camp.

HOT AND COLD

The winds blowing from the inland ice were warm. Those from the sea were cold, and the switch from the easterly to westerly winds of moderate strength was often very rapid, and was accompanied by an equally rapid change in the humidity. The winds from the plateau were much drier than those from the sea.

We should have avoided writing "up valley and down valley" for the following reason. At the coastward end of the Wright Valley the altitude of the valley floor is 1000 feet. In December and January the melt-water from the Wilcox Piedmont Glacier forms a considerable river which flows inland for a distance of 26 miles (this is the longest river in Antarctica?) until it flows into Lake Vanda, whose altitude is 400 feet.

Further west the valley floor rises to a level over a distance of 10 miles to about 2000 feet, and then the ground rises again to 6000 feet, 7000 feet. No water flows out of Lake Vanda and at present its level seems to remain almost constant, so that the water lost by evaporation must balance the inflow, but in the recent past the lake level has been much higher.

During our seven weeks in the field the two geologists covered about 550 miles on their traverses. We now have a reasonably good idea of the geology of the area.

Naturally, the investigations have not been detailed, but we mapped most of the area well enough so that the specialists, with their particular problems, know what to expect here. The extent of the pre-Cambrian metamorphic basements, and of the younger Basement sandstones, has been mapped, and the relation of these to the intruded granites and diorites is known.

Over the last few years many radioactive measurements have been made in the McMurdo Sound area, and a few on the inland west of Victoria Land. Such measurements allow one to learn about the stability of the area, S. Scott Base, McMurdo Sound (after C. Bull, Geophys. Inst. U.S. Weather Bureau)
SAILIENT

CHURCH TAKES A BEATING

What's wrong with the Church? This is a question which is heard frequently, posed by Christians and non-believers. It is increasingly evident in a world which has lost all sense of the reality of God and order of life the Church has, to a large extent, lost its sense of mission to the world.

What is the Church? It is the "ekklesia"—the community of believers who belong to God and have been redeemed by the blood of the earth. In Christ, God was "reconciling the world unto Himself"—that "all who believe in Him should not perish but have eternal life."

Through the Church, God works by His Holy Spirit to make that redemption manifest to the world. The Church, then, by its very nature and calling, has a mission to the world.

However, the physical manifestations of the "fellowship of believers" to whom we know them—imply that the Church is in trouble itself. The Church in the world seems to have become mainly a body of worship divided into two distinct groups—the clergy and the laity.

Even in the reformed churches the mass of the congregation have taken, for example, the lay people as they are in Christ and have called him to be present in the Holy Spirit. What is it, then, that we can do to allow the preaching elder—the minister—to become an authoritative leader? And yet, the Bible does not define such a distinction—Christians are the "flock" of God called and redeemed by Him, not for privilege alone, as is often implied, but for obedience and service. Christ came as a servant to the world; not to be ministered unto, but to minister. The Church as the "Body of Christ," is similarly called to minister to the totality of the individual and to the whole world.

VICTORIA GOES SOUTH—cont.

whether or not the land is rising due to the slow removal of the load of ice. Since the Wright Valley offers an easy and safe route, it was decided to make a 50-mile gravity traverse from McMurdo to Scott Base. Both the Wilson Pioneers Glacier and also the Wilkins Resolute Glacier were of the length of miles the plateau. We could not go further in our limited time.

The results have not been worked out yet, but we did use the gravity readings to determine the Ice on the Wilson Pioneers Glacier and the depth of water in Lake Vanda.

Along our route the greatest thickness of ice was about 1200 feet, and since the altitude of the top of the glacier was 1400 feet, the bedrock must be at least 2000 feet above sea-level. The greatest depth of water in Lake Vanda is about 250 feet.

SEALED INLAND

The physical and biological findings were many seal carcasses along the valley floor, from the coast to 6 miles inland. Several had been found inland in the last few decades, never in such large numbers.

Redd with 39. Some were quite recent, and still soft enough to make a bag or meal of, and others were very old, dried and cracked. The snow had been so thickly hyrdrated and then erased by wind and sand until only a few bones remain, leaving only the greatest of interesting problems are posed.

How old the seals are we hope to find out by radio-carbon dating of the specimens we brought back. Why do they migrate inland? We do know that they eat on the journey—nothing except the occasional seal—but we don't know how long they take.

Because of much Dick Barrie's work was taken up in helping with the survey work—we took roughly 100 miles of data from 10 points in the dry-valley block and on the coast—we could not devote as much attention to the freshwater biology as it deserved. We did collect lichens during these survey journeys, noting, yet another apparent anomaly, that they were confined to areas above about 3000 feet in altitude, and we spent a few days collecting species from the small lake near the base camp.

RELEVANT

When the helicopter came at the end of January to take us back to Scott Base, we were reluctant to leave. Our seven weeks had been very enjoyable and most rewarding, but in that time we had not been able to do full justice to the scientific potentialities of the dry-valley block.

Other university parties will, we hope, take up where we left off. Ours was a "try-out" expedition and we were not able to justify the confidence placed in us by the New Zealand Government. We were, by the University, and by the many New Zealand firms who supported us.

SEX, CAREERS AND E.U.

Two hundred E.U. members from all over New Zealand gathered for the New Zealand Conference on Marriage and Family life this week in prayer, Bible study and fellowship.

Professor Wilson, the E.U.'s president, addressed the members, saying, "The Scriptures alone give the answer to the claim of allegory. "The Christian must be stilled in the use of the Holy Scriptures to be effective."

DEEPER FAITH

Vicki has learned about sex with a deeper faith in Christ and practical Biblical messages. The members also carried home a new hope for the extension of Christ's Kingdom.

Problems of Christian living were dealt with by the General Secretary, Mr. J. Pitchard. "The biggest problems facing an average student are sex and finding a career," he said. "Both these problems find their solution when a person is rightly related to God through Jesus Christ."

Tuning James as his Bible study, Rev. Riv Krikyshkin presented again this message of his epitaph: "Faith without works is dead. If you want to hear in the Holy place," said Rev.

NASH REPLIES

The New Zealand Government observers recent Chinese occupation in Tibet, has sent a letter received from the Prime Minister, Mr. Gough, in response to a petition from Victoria students.

The letter is printed below:

Dear Sir,—On April 3, received from Messrs. J. Kennedy, D. Hamptons, T. Skitter, T. Broughton, a petition signed by members of Victoria University, asking that the government strongly state its abhorrence at the recent actions of the Communist Chinese authorities in Tibet. I feel that this is something that we can do through the channels available to us, and I hope that we will be able to do it with the same success as in other cases where we have had to do the same.

I should be grateful if you could arrange for a reply to this letter and to the attention of the students concerned in some appropriate manner.

REVOLTED

It has now become quite clear that the pressures imposed by the Chinese to deal with the revolt in Tibet have aroused widespread revolution and condemnation throughout the world. This has taken place not only in the Chinese mainland, but also in overseas countries, and the United States Government has made its attitude towards these tragic developments perfectly clear.

In particular, two expressions of New Zealand views were heard in a debate in the House of Representatives in New Zealand where the topic of the debate was the Chinese revolution in Tibet. In the debate, the New Zealand Government made its attitude towards these tragic developments perfectly clear.

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WINTER TOURNAMENT ARTS FESTIVAL LITERARY CONTEST

4 VALUABLE PRIZES OFFERED

(1) Best Short Story
(2) Best Poem
(3) Best radio audition
(4) Best Drawing suitable for the cover of "EXPANDING" and Three Issue Deals.

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EDUCATION, Literary Society, G/V L.W. Students' Assn.
Battle With Books

After degree what? When it is finally a question of doing what something is there to do? I can't pretend to hint what everyone, but perhaps my experience may help some of you to think about one career not usually pursued.

Even in my M.A. year I did not have much knowledge of what was open to me. I had, indeed, several places I was offered positions in. A couple of my lectures suggested library work and, after finding out about the student library and general prospect, I decided to give it a go. In this way I found an entry to a satisfying career. It was not the best way to prepare myself, and for that reason I would like to put better information before you.

After leaving university, I went to Librarian School in Wellington for a year spent with 20 other students of regional service, NZ. Students now include those studying under the Canterbury Librarian. Since then I have been working with the National Library Service in various divisions—School Library Service, Country Library Service and National Library Centre.

BOOK SELECTION

The work I have actually done has been the selection of books for schools and libraries, with developing in both, reference work, the giving of help and advice to librarians who wish to replace libraries or to give better service to their readers. My present talk includes books either in fields that I particularly interest me, and assistance with the administration of the O.R. Section of the National Library Service.

There is a lot of paper work, but I have also had the satisfaction of helping many people to find out what help they can get from books. For those who seek them, there are always new possibilities. Library services in New Zealand are young and there lie ahead the new fields of library co-operation, inter-library co-operation, pre-schoolers, church service, and many others.

For graduates the best entry is by way of the post-graduate course at the N.Z. Library School. It is an advantage to have some knowledge of libraries and selection work in a library is recommended—not perhaps as librarians but as a work in a woodstore but far more informative.

COUSe TIME

The course lasts from March to November, with 15 hours of lectures each week, supplemented by 20 hours of assignments and free study. Courses of lectures are given on such library disciplines as cataloguing, on general administration and on work selection. Many of the lectures are given by outstanding librarians or by specialists. Pay during the course is on Training College scale. Becoming librarians is an expanding and developing there is always demand for library school graduates.

People with particular interests are more than ever needed, scientist and economists as well as

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HYGIENIC DICTATORS

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It is absurd that student meetings—unless a staff member is present—can be terminated by the interventions of the impa.

Situation is a lot clearer than is precluded by the licence. The consequent licence has normally only last for one and a half hours. This is usually not nearly long enough. Most could well continue until 10 or 10.30. Of course, there is the other side of the story—the university must be cleaned and the cleaners naturally wish to get home as early as possible.

Conditions may be different when the Student Union Building is open in the middle of next year. But in the meantime something must be done.

There was discussion recently in the daily press about the disturbing morning habits of children, and one person suggested that instead of delivering milk in the early morning when people were trying to sleep, deliveries should be made between dusk and 11 p.m. when very few persons would be disturbed.

It would be a most desirable thing if the cleaners followed the same principle of least disturbance and did their work in the early morn-

ing, say, from five to eight.

The women cleaners in the Post Office start about 4 a.m. Our cleaners, too, would be healthier for the early rising; they would be able to inhale the fresh early morning air and have their earnings free!

—RUSSELL PRICE.

Laugh with Exec

At a recent exec. meeting the following statements were made:
Mr Shaw on a grant of $155—a guestimate.
Miss Pointon—"My Elils got some fruit juice which is unprocurable in all the shops!"
Miss Beck (discussing the Biological Society’s grant)—"Most people are interested in biological circles.
Mr Mason (apology)—He was addressing the Carlton Presbyterian Social Guild on "Life with the Italian Woman."

It has been understood that the SALIENT reporter is allowed to remain at Exec. meetings when they are last committee. SALIENT has never breached a confidence by using information so gained. In this way we can present a balanced picture of student life. We are concerned that at two recent meetings our reporter was asked to leave when the meeting went into committee.

What is the most important section of our school? At various times and in various ways, no doubt, the students, academic staff, and administrative staff all consider themselves to fill this role. But an unnoticed amount of power seems to reside these days in the cleaners.

HOW MANY?

A CURIOUS and unfounded custom seems to have established itself at Victoria in the current student elections. I refer to the fact that although the names of the persons elected to the executive are published, the support which they receive and the defeated candidates are not

What is the reason for this withholding of the voting figures? Is it no other system of democratic elections (mediocre or national) are these details not revealed.

The withholding of the voting figures may not be undemocratic, in the strictest sense, but it is certainly contrary to the best democratic traditions and it is to be hoped that this year there will be a change in this matter.

ANY GRATITUDE?

Are there any defenders of the Vote of Thanks? I never seem to see anyone except us have a chance, then, and see if we can rid the university of any rate, of this nuisance.

Perhaps a Society for the Prevention of Votes of Thanks for the Prevention of Cruelty to Audiences should be formed.

On the other hand, we already have too many societies, and it would probably be more effective if members of student clubs were expected to propose at the next committee meeting that voice of thanks be abolished forever

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TRAINING IN LIBRARIANSHIP

APPLICATIONS from graduates, or from those who expect to complete degrees this year, are invited for the 1960 PROFESSIONAL COURSE

at the Library School in Wellington. This is the only full-time course in Librarianship offered in New Zealand, and it prepares students for work in public, university and special libraries.

Students will receive payment to cover living expenses according to a scale based on that applicable to Division C students of Teachers’ Colleges.

Application forms and further information may be had from the Director, Library School, National Library Service, Wellington, and the Libraries of the University Libraries and the Public Libraries in Auckland, Wellington, Christchurch and Dunedin.
REVIEWS

ON STAGE - IN RETROSPECT

During recent weeks the town has been buzzing with activity, but we feel that there was much of value and even more deserving of comment, and so below we publish our critics' observations on a few productions.

"The Doll"

All praise to the N.Z. Players, C. T. Willmott, and the Australian Elizabethan Theatre Trust for allowing us to see an Australian professional company perform in Ray Lawler's "Summer of the Seventeenth Doll." It was well worth waiting for.

The plot is simple, two canoe-cutters on holiday come downing from Queensland during the hot season, get caught in a storm, and are washed up in a small town. They meet with a barmy old couple and decide to stay with them until the storm passes. The wife is illiterate, the husband is a drunkard, but they are honest people. The two tourists are similarly simple, and soon get involved in the problems of the town. The result is a moving story of human relationships, well acted and directed. The acting was excellent, and the production was well stage-managed.

"Reperitory's "The Desperate Hours"

Joseph Haynes' "The Desperate Hours" is a powerful play about a family in crisis. The father, a retired professional man, is confronted with the need to find a job for his son, who is a professional criminal. The play is set in a small town and the characters are well drawn, with the central characters being particularly well portrayed. The play is a powerful indictment of the social forces that can drive a family to desperate measures.

"Low Brow"

The Music Society is again proving itself to be a very popular group. The Annual General meeting held on March 25 was well attended, and the concert held April 15, at which several prominent Wellington musicians performed, was a great success. The setting, which included a "liberated" bar, was well decorated with flowers, fish tanks and unvarnished wood, and the coffee was excellent. The audience was well behaved, and the concert was a great success.

"Extrav"

"Fat 59" revolved around Dave Brown, a back-country hick who comes to the big city of Brisbane to rescue the country from the depression. The show was well directed by Pat Harrington and Harry Glue, and the enthusiasm that was shown was a direct result of their hard work. The show was a great success, and the audience was well pleased.

Davie's bright idea is quickly taken over by Walter and Fred Quinogram, but their enthusiasm fades away rapidly as the scheme fails. Dave is on the run, his escape leads him back to his home town where he is acclaimed when his "plac" is found to be the perfect cat for New Zealand. The plot is flexible enough, hitting, among others the Playway controversy and the newspaper's diet. The songs were a hit, with some cleverly written words and music. Many of the other characters, notably John Kochman as Dave, were extremely effective, especially in his song "Mr. Wonderful". The highlight of the show was the song "The Cats", a beautiful duet that the country's crane for sport in general and rugby football in particular. Another high spot— the revised version of the New Zealand anthem.

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The programme, a parody of "Time" magazine, was a most original and excellent effort. When such talent for parody as this is shown in the university, it is going to be another year. The Ker Noble nonsense tradition that he launched a certain well-known poem, giving it the name of "The Pied Piper of Harlem," was a jazz-based theme. Another real cool group now took over the stage; the Noel Evans Sextet. Their songs were thoughtful and inspired, and the audience was well pleased. That swift reunion of "Capricole" should be offered to the public each year.

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SELECT FEW MEET FINE INDONESIANS

It is doubtful that a delegation could have been better chosen than the six-man (or at least five men and one woman) team who represented Indonesian students on a recent visit to New Zealand. It was more than a pity that only a SELECT FEW got to meet them.

They were obviously acute observers of the New Zealand scene, as was demonstrated by the backs actions. The comedians of the team, Hamid Alkhettal, a political science student from Djakarta, and his Indonesian folk music at a cocktail party in the House.

But Hamid could be serious. He was most proud of New Zealand students' attitude to politics. "They don't seem to be even interested," he said. He was intrigued by this, for politics are the spice of most overseas students' organizations, particularly in Indonesia.

The reason was not hard to work out. Kwa Shyng Twan, chairman of the National Union of Indonesian Students, and leader of the delegation, in a speech of thanks pointed out that the visit was worthwhile "because the students in Indonesia are thought to be the leaders of tomorrow," and this was an opportunity to meet New Zealand's future leaders. Little did he know . . .

EXEUC EXPOSURE

(The continued from front page)

The constitution is at last cleared up to meet its obligations and an a.m. to the student body, to run its reinstatement. This has been achieved at the end of the meeting on a so-called "student government" system. Because of the student body's organization of the first S.M.L. called for this purpose, it is up to the a.m. to follow.

So they resolved to the substructure of controlling it in a common room at luncheon.

At last the constitution should only be ratified by the A.M. and brought into operation the coming year not before the constitution was as desired as was attempted.

And no one was out of order as even only gave Mitchell and Inman the power to "investigate the possibility of calling at B.G.M. there was no mention of power to set.

UNHAPPY LAWYERS

A year or so ago a timely article appeared in the pages of this journal with the headline the learned examiner in the Law of Evidence on the "Luminol Supernitrito Migrateto" for its rather surprising conclusion that could only be regarded as arbitrary and insane.

Surely, a publication the learned examiner was surprised by another whom it appears, the authorities regarded as being suitably at the task of examining students. Now the time has come for a sequel.

No student doing an academic course in a university can be expected to master, during that course, these numerous and complex points of legal practice able to be acquired in actual practice a latter date. No reasonable examiner can expect degree students to gain more than an academic ap-

PEN FRIENDS

There have been several inquiries from overseas students concerning pen friends. Letters from students in the University of the South Pacific may be seen at the executive office. Any students requiring pen friends should send details letters from the office secretary.

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latter, in fact, organised an evening to which anybody except the student press seemed to be welcome.

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