ABOUT THE SUB

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Well, here we are at last. Now that we can sit back on a comfortable sofa in the common room and dine in the luxurious cafeteria, we should not forget the rather shabby and makeshift facilities we have left behind.

It was thirty years ago, in the Old Gymnasium, which stood on this present site, that the students decided a Union Building was essential. It is only due to the selfless efforts of so many past students that we have the use of these facilities today.

This building is not ours—it is a trust from former students and we treat it as such.

The first function held in the building was the cause of adverse comments*, and I hope we can say that a poor dress rehearsal means an excellent performance.

ARMOUR MITCHELL,
President—Victoria University of Wellington Students' Association.

[* SALIENT, issue 7, May 22, 1961]

Graduands' Orgy

Dear Sir—I am getting tired of some of the silly chest-beating that goes on round this place.

In particular I think the author of the article "Graduands' Orgy" is grossing his teeth on the wrong end of the stick. I was at the supper. Some of his facts are wrong. Firstly, the motion was seconded with a loud "Tut, Tut" by the Bishop Bennett Hotel. Secondly, the speech was slow and rambling, and with the consequence of the injury to a baby-walker during Capping Hall. Secondly, of course, his 11 dozen bottles of spirits turn out to be 3 dozen. 8 dozen bottles were ginger beer. This makes two-thirds of a bottle of beer, and one-fifteenth of a bottle of spirits including sherry, etc.; per person over four hours, which is hardly excessive. The spirits could all have been drunk during the toast.

He fails to give the real reasons why the speakers could not be heard. These were, I believe, explained at the last Executive meeting, and given in the SALIENT. Write-up of it, but unfortunately were cut out. These are—

(1) It had not been realised that the Common Room ceiling is lined with acoustic tiles.

(2) No one, in consequence, had considered the need to install a public address system in time for the supper.

(3) The speakers anyway, mainly spoke rather quietly.

(4) Too many people had been asked to speak, and so spoke for too long.

(5) The speeches started very late (even the arranged time, 9 p.m., was rather a promise of the difficulty in rounding them up all)

Due to (1), (2) and (3), it was impossible to hear most of the speakers 30-40 feet away, in complete silence, let alone with any audience noise at all. We endured one hour and 20 minutes of the most ghastly and unpalatable boredom. In the circumstances, I think the audience behaved rather well, listening, perhaps. Drunken, no. It was certainly not a drunken brawl. The failure was in the organisation, and can be readily forgiven. I feel that President Mitchell was most unfair, and the author should apologise to the speakers, as well as to the speakers, since both suffered.

As to the "sixth-wheel" marks on the floor: they should know by now I lay a floor that can take the sort of shoes that women insist on wearing. Similarly, window-sills that don't stain easily. The cigarette stubs could have been caused by people standing up, during the speeches, a long way from an ashtray, to avoid "milling." All these things could, and did, occur without the supper being even very badly behaved, let alone an orgy. The writer quite fails to prove his points at all. His only serious complaint was that a few people were sick in the lavatories—that happens at every student show—there is always some silly soul who has to learn about drink the hard way. We can't penalise the whole gathering because of him. Also, some nasty person is scribbled on the lavatory-wall. This was, also, only to be expected. There are perverts in all the time.

Lastly, is Student money so very badly misused in thus honouring each successive batch of graduates (which should include every student, some day)?

I gather that the author of the "Graduands' Orgy" talked up after the supper, but did not go to it. The author’s use of impression of the function. It was noticed of him to this article is not calculated to do any good more than harm.

—J. C. ROSS.

Union Building

Dear Sir,—There is only one thing wrong with the new Student Union Building as yet. It needs plenty of rubbish bins. Let's have a clean start, and not repeat last year's mess in the Common Room and Cafeteria. I am, etc.

STUDENT.
SALIENT

Dear Sir—Your front page treat- ment of the 1951 Federal Budget is most unsatisfactory, and perhaps even unpar- tial. The coalition government, which is attempting to bring about social and economic 2.5 per cent increase in the amount of the Senate, is attempting to bring about social and economic reforms. This is a very important issue, and it is one that needs to be discussed more fully.

Yours faithfully,
[Signature]

Sensationalism

Dear Sir—As a student, I would like to express my concern about the sensationalism in the media. It is important that the media present a balanced view of the events taking place, rather than focusing on the most sensational aspects.

Yours sincerely,
[Signature]
Extravaganza: Replies

Dear Sir,—It is with some concern and regret that I read of the passing of the last issue of SALIENT. Although I have no personal acquaintance of opinion with which I must agree or disagree, I must, and I suppose regard as being fair comments on the spiritual and moral content of the last issue of S.A.L.I.E.N.T. I am not going to hide behind a name which I do not possess, but feel that the correct "Peccewun" quotation by Malcolm "Non Peccewun" is appropriate.

Yours etc.,
Gerald McKay.

Alas, Sine

The article states that other op- poses of S.A.L.I.E.N.T. have made specific rooms for Extravagant and supervised by the students. It is difficult to see how such a situation could have been avoided, as there were only a few students who raised objections. The situation as it stood was a chaotic one and the only way to avoid it was to have the Extravaganza rooms supervised by the students. The idea of having Extravagant rooms is one that I would support, but it is necessary to have some supervision to avoid the possibility of the situation becoming chaotic.

The article continues on to say that the show is becoming more and more like an American musical. Although this may be a matter of opinion, I would point out that 90% of the songs in this show are American. It is a fact that the songs are, to a large extent, original compositions. The songs are not just lifted from American musicals. They are created by our own students, and it is through this process that our students are able to express their own ideas and opinions through music.

The statement that the show is becoming more and more like an American musical is a valid one. However, it is important to remember that our students are creating their own songs, and that these songs are not just copies of American musicals. The songs are created by our own students, and it is through this process that our students are able to express their own ideas and opinions through music.

More Groans

SALIENT reporters are always on the lookout for new and interesting stories. In this issue, we feature a story about the election of the President of the University. The story is written by a student who has been actively involved in the election campaign. The student has been interviewed by the reporters, and he has provided them with a great deal of information about the campaign. The story is a great example of the kind of stories that SALIENT reporters are always looking for.

Human Rights — No Such Thing

Sir,—I wish to comment upon the declarations of the Ninth International Student Congress—Racism, Section four of the declaration mentions "human rights." It is about time that we remove these delusions. There is no such thing as human rights. Human rights are non-existent. There may be racial rights, national rights, political rights, etc.—but there are no "human rights." To speak of "human rights" is absurdity to speaking of a "round square." Let us forget this rot about "racial equality." There can never be "equality." There can only be "superiority" and "inferiority." There can only be "rights belonging to ALL humans without exception." So long as we are in this hateful world, there shall never be "human rights." I mean that there shall never be "human rights" (laughable term) would be to consider that man can achieve perfection. Always shall there be the superior and the inferior; there shall be the happy and the desperate, the privileged and the unprivileged.

These blatant distortions about racism, etc., by the International Student Congress—admirable though that organization may be—serve only to make these born to be white-owners and slaves. To talk about human rights—when every person knows well that they can never be simultaneously available to all in practice—would be to add insult to injury. I cannot but see the stupidity and hypocrisy of those who right for "equality." Yours etc.,

W. P. AIROTCIV.

Editor a Communist?

Dear Sir,—On the front page of your issue dated May 22 you strike at the very foundation of our university. I refer, of course, to or article on the body and sacred Extravaganza—Ali-Ali.

You are obviously a communist and an anarchist and what is more is trying to turn me over to the left, I say that the Party dictated this code to me in order to make the so-called "democratic" nature the year they sent their envoys to destroy the humble efforts of the students of the university.

Do you realize that you would destroy some people who have only changed their minds, and that the party is in Extravaganza (Stages 1-230) that can see the way to announce to our audiences that you have nothing to do with Extravaganz or with the university for that matter.

What is to be done in future? Can we take our democratic beliefs in the defense of our right to a free and independent thought and not follow our editor's interpretation of what we mean? I am going to show you a type of thing which is not only of much more importance than mere entertainment, but can only be enjoyed by those who can think for themselves. Yours etc.,

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Executive Meeting May 25, 1961

This was the first Executive meeting held in the new Executive room. Executive members were very comfortable and could stand for at least half an hour and a half hours without becoming tense. It was decided to allocate the upper room to be used as a committee room and the lower room for the main meetings.

Charity Collection

Mrs. Smith, the President of the Wellington Art Fund, met the Committee and made the proposition for the proceeds of the Night of the Living Dead to be paid to the special needs of the children. Mrs. Smith explained that this was the first time this has been done by the Club. She invited any social organization that was interested in the welfare of children to express their interest in the welfare of children. They all agreed that the Club should assist in this way.

Dr. Williams proposed the motion, which was seconded by Mr. Jones. The motion was accepted and became the policy of the Club.

Cigarettes

A letter was received from John Brown, President of the Club, asking for a special meeting to discuss the question of the sale of cigarettes. The President of the Club, who had been awarded a N.Z. Blue, was quoted as saying: "I do not believe in the sale of cigarettes. It is a bad habit."

The motion was passed and the sale of cigarettes was discontinued.

Bluewater

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Savings

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Little Congress: Number 2

Popular request has demanded another Little Congress. This will be held over the weekend before the weekend before Easter week (not the weekend before as on the last SALIENT announced) at the City Mission Camp at Otaki on before. The dates are June 23 to 25.

Little Congress is organized by a sub-committee of the Students' Association Executive and intended to integrate members of every club in an atmosphere of "inter-disciplinary cross fertilization." Those in hotel's will have acquainted the type of communal life Little Congress attempts to capture in the short time available. Many students have returned to the college that it opened up completely new areas of thought to them. If a University is not doing just that then it is failing in its duties. Within the framework of Little Congress the student's minds will be in a limited field only. Little Congress attempts to give the student further "education" of a non-formal type, by giving as broad a sweep as possible of human thought and discovery.

Students at the last Little Congress so thoroughly enjoyed themselves that they were even demanding another one the weekend after. At the last session they unanimously voted for the motion, "That Little Congress do become at least an annual event." Its popularity precipitated the call which Douglas Gilbert is organizing and which will go ahead if 40 registrations are received before the given date. Further details will be posted on notice boards. Don't be late in enrolling. See you there.

DIANA PICTON
(Cultural Affairs Officer)

CASTRO NO!

Probable Nominees

(For vice-president) Mr. O'Brien, Mr. Tannahill, Miss Frost
(For P.R.O.) Paul Spender, "(For Publications) Mal Rone, (For catering) Lind-Mitchell, (For Cultural Affairs) Mr. D. Flude.

Janet Anderson is also standing.

Mr. Tannahill is a sixth year law student; he was associated with Extravaganza from 1956-1961. Last year he was in the law faculty club committee, public relations committee. He is at present P.R.O. of the executive. Also, he was associated with the Festival of Wellington. He was an Archibald McCullum Scholar, 1959.

David Lind-Mitchell is a part-time student, fourth year in law. Janet Anderson is a full-time, second year in Arts. H. O'Brien, Miss Frost are present executive members.

Extrav - Like Wow

It seems about time that someone looked at the Extrav, from the other side, from the inside for a change.

Naturally I'm all for Extrav. It's great, it's fantastic, but in fact it's Extrav. Which leads me to pose a point made in the last issue, that referring to the fact that one year in the show is usually enough for anyone. Admittedly, the proportion of returning veteran is lower than that of men, yet that fact alone hardly warrants the conclusion reached. (For one thing women usually get married sooner. Actually I have nevert met woman or woman who has ever had anything to do with Extrav, and not been bitten by the bug. We all want to come back next year. And for those of you who think Extrav is all beer and air, I suggest you join us and see for yourself.

I'll tell you what Extrav has done for me:

- It has brought me in contact with many people, giving me new friends and greater social confidence.
- It has made me work as part of a team where we all get to pull together.
- It has made me forget my self-consciousness and who I am. If we can help put the show across.
- It has given me great good times in two months than usually has in a year.

SALINUS does not anti-Extravaganza as I have pictured it. I have no complaint against administration, and justifiably so. Extrav has been guilty of strong arm tactics on several occasions, and directed toward several autocratic organizations. Even from within the cast I have left this.

If Extrav wants the use of a room, or building, or anything else, Extrav gets it, regardless. We should, I think, take this as a warning. We're great, so we're stupendous. So let's not get too factionalized about it just the same.

J.A.L.

STOP PRESS:

It has been heard that MRS. MARGARET CLARK is a probable nominee for the Women's House Committee. She is at present Secretary of the Public Health Commission. She is the 1961 Accommodation Officer, Secretary of the N.Z. Training College, and the Wellington Training College, Students Association. Margaret has had over a year's experience in the Women's House Committee. Also a likely nominee will be DON BROOKER, Chairman of the Sports Committee.

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JAZZ CLUB A.G.M.

With a typically friendly and relaxed atmosphere, the Jazz Club A.G.M. was held on May 1 in the Music Room at 2 p.m. A good group of new members was welcomed by the newly-elected president, Roy Murphy. Other officers for the coming year include G. Girvan (secretary-treasurer), A. Leete, B. Tallbot, J. Robbins and G. Murphy (committee). In addition, G. Murphy, G. Kennington and M. Dufton were elected as honorary life members.

An outline of future activities includes the continuance of the Art festival concert, Sunday afternoon "jazz sessions" at the Studio Jazz Club (an affiliated club located in Manners Street), and talks at University as guest speakers—all of which are designed to extend to members and students not actively associated with the club.

BRUBECK Quartet with the New York Philharmonic Symphony Orchestra conducted by Leonard Bernstein. BERNSTEIN, Marty, I Feel Pretty, Somewhere, A Quiet Girl, Tonight, played by the Dave Brubeck Quartet. CORNET RLP 850, Mono.

Attempts at synthesizing jazz material and "classical" music have been made before, notably by Stravinsky, Ruval, Lamberi, Mahaul, and Copland, on the one hand, and John Lewis, Tito Macaro, Duke Ellington, and Dave Brubeck on the other. The attitude of the classicalists in the twenties usually consisted in throwing into the piece a few altered notes, a bit of syncopation and odd noises from the percussion department. These compositions might have been interesting or important on their own account, but they certainly didn't have much jazz in them. More important has been the influence of jazz on the harmonic structure and rhythm used by contemporary composers.

Walter Danzorach made a boombastic claim that he would achieve a classical statement about Gerhardvich's Rhagody In Blue, to the effect that 'vomvarious composers have been walking around jazz like a cat around a plate of hot soup, waiting for it to cool off so they could enjoy it without burning their tongues, bitters that accustomed only to the more liberal liquid distilled from the electrician school. (Jazz has not been raised) to a level that would enable one to be received as a respectable member of the musical circle.'

George Gerhardvich seems to have accomplished the subtitle! But Gerhardvich never claimed to have amalgamated jazz and symphony anyway. He was the kind of pan jalsa composer and what he did was to utilize the pop song rather than jazz, that his Rhapsody in Blue, Concerto and American in Paris have so much vitality is due to his particular genius for melody and rhythm. Form is more or less non-existent.

I think there is a record in the domestic American catalogue of a Concerto for Jazz Band and Orchestra by Rolf Lieberman, played by the Boston-Pittsburgh Orchestra, with the Chicago Symphony under Gershwin. The critic, J. Rickets, wrote, "The music critic wiped the floor with it." Similarly, Matyas Seiber has written a piece with the same format, more recently. Now Phillips have issued a record of Howard Brubeck's Dialogue for Jazz Combo and Orchestra played by brother Dave's quartet and the New York Philharmonic Symphony under Bernstein.

Here the orchestra plays straight, while the quartet improves at certain points. The whole thing is in four movements labelled Allegro, Andante Calmo, Adagio Bal- lero, Allegro Blues, and the classical part of it is very poor indeed.

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BRAHMS, Hungarian Dances. Nos. 1, 2, 5, 6, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21.


This uninspiring disc contains little that has not at some late stage, been recorded before (and in better conditions). Brahms' Hungarian Dances suffer chiefly from a disinterested reading at the hands of Raphael Rubelik: there is no fire where needed (No. 11, little imagination, and no colouristic phrasing (No. 6, etc.). Dvorak fares better, but this is still in the poor class. The Slavonic Rhapsodies is condemned by sloppy playing from the strings, a confusion of sound in the coda, and some incongruous piano playing (Nos. 5, 6). In the Scherzo, the orchestra falls into a groove and gains in weight—the otherwise brilliant concluding tutti is marred by an absence of depth from cello and bass. On the whole, this is not to be recommended. See Anerl. van Kempen, Sawallisch et al., far brighter.

MOZART, Symphonies. Nos. 32 in G major, K318; 38 in D major, "Prague." London Symphony Orchestra/ Peter Maag. Decca LXTM. 5518.

There are few conductors who have so thoroughly mastered the music and the techniques of the symphonies of Mozart. Beethoven did, so does Peter Maag. His interpretation of the two works, the G major and the D major is nothing short of superb; he is comprehensive in this by so successfully playing from England's finest orchestra. The 32nd is a short piece, written when Mozart was 22, and it is rapturously upset style: it is delicately handled by Mr Maag, whose care in getting out the piano, forte chords in the Tempo I, is extremely desirable. The "Prague," ignoring the old controversial question of what the work was really composed and what dispensation and altered, is also finely treated: Maag is able to control his orchestra well with Al- legro—at brief notice, to the utmost effect. The strings and the woodwind are throughout, very lovely, clear, and where needed, full and rich. Even the trumpets have a most unBritish brassy quality. I am curious whether, about some odd timpani noises in the opening Adagio (No. 38). Recorders in Ab, with little extra-

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CHESS

Bearded, pipe-smoking, publicity-conscious law student Roger Chapman be- came news recently when he won the North Island Chess Champions-}

ship at Whanganui. Local pundits had predicted otherwise but Chapman had beaten several nationally-ranked players, including New Zealand and North Island champions, to the title.

But Mr Chapman himself, who captured the championship rather surprisingly, commented: "How can I help it if I'm a genius." He appeared

OThER SOCIETIES

The scenes of the University, are generally known by students, and in general, appreciated. It is not so true of Clubs and groups outside Viu. The student may be aware of their exist- ence, but unfortunately, has no idea of what they do, where they meet, and so on. Two Societies that would be of benefit to students, are the Wellington Record- ed Music Society and the Wellington Film Society. As the former, as is obvious, is concerned with the enjoyment of recorded music. It offers monthly meetings, free monthly Bulletin, advice on rec- ords and equipment, a members' record exchange, and etc. The Society can be highly recommended to everyone interested in discs.

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CHESS

Bearded, pipe-smoking, publicity-conscious law student Roger Chapman be- came news recently when he won the North Island Chess Champions-
Sports Council to Elect Sports Holder?

The Sports Council on Thursday, May 28, a motion was passed concerning the election of a sports holder. The nature of the motion was: "That the Sports Council recommends to the Executive Committee that a sports holder should be appointed by Sports Council." This motion requires constitutional amendment and if Exec. was to act on the resolution it would not be in the Executive's power to appropriate money without the prior approval of the Sports Council. The resolution which was made at the meeting was: "The Appointments by the Sports Council in favour of a mere figure of speech as they have not been able to do so because of the difficulty of the motion."

As we have, rightly or wrongly, decided that our association is democratic in principle. It is of the utmost importance that all decisions be free to those on any position they like. This move is on the part of Sports Council and it is very important that circumstances be permitted to freely. It would result in a dangerous trend of going back to the days of the old union which is not representative of the student population. It is a power which could too easily be abused and MUST NOT BE COUNTENANCED.

B. P. DAWKINS
(Sports Editor)

Another Victim: Judo Club

On Thursday, May 11, the touring Australian fencing team conclusively beat Victoria Judo Club in two matches. The team members were: Matt, 9-7; ladies, 10-3; epee, 11-5; sabre, 11-3. The men's full match was won by the fencing team with a close score in their seventh victories. The ladies full team had an unfortunate day. However, club members are optimistic that accomplished fencers as Gordon Pattison and Lorrie McLean will win back their form at the upcoming 1964 Australian Universities on V.U.W. campus.

The standard of epee fencing was not very high on either side, but the results in this weapon (11-5) show that Victoria Judo Club was not without its winners, including Chris Horne, Chris Lawrence, and Oxford, who took part. However, this move was detected and he had to resort to fighting with a conventional weapon.

Despite this setback in those weapons, the team members are optimistic. The men's sabre was as far as the contestants were concerned, the highlight of the day. It was strongly contested by the U.W. team, who gave nothing away. All the contestants really enjoyed this event, and Richard Hall walked all the way to it with an extra long blade attached to his weapon. However, this move was detected and he had to resort to fighting with a conventional weapon.

On Foreign Policy

The New Zealand Institute of Public Administration held its annual convention in Wellington this year, under the theme of "The Administration of New Zealand's External Relations." The Institute is a scholarly body whose publications have a wide readership.

The papers presented for discussion included "The South Pacific," "External Aid" and "NZ's Participation in International Organizations." The need for increased research into New Zealand's foreign policy is being emphasised by those who see the development of our contribution to international organisations as a great asset to the country.

R. C. D. SMITH, Staff Editor
ACCOMPLISHMENT

MARGARET O’CONNOR
Study of Elizabeth and Latin-American Spain.

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Who, please excuse us in wonder,
At thy multi-colored walls,
Sight thy praxis with peaks of thunder,
Jubilation, and, with care,
Embrace and actually being inside the damn thing at last.

Vast expanse of new laid line,
Glows and wings upon the floor,
But despite this you and I know
Students won’t respect this more

Before.

Dignity:
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World Affairs Council Perturbed

[Authorised at a Committee meeting of World Affairs Council held at Victoria University on Wellington on May 10, 1961.]

The opening paragraph of Mr. Phipps’s article in SALIENT & 5. His type of smear argument seems peculiar both to Col. Phipps and the late Senator McCarthy, and to many others in this type of tiup. We believe that reasoning and argument are not going to be adopted generally at Wellington, and if we stick to the practice of arguing that neither clarifies nor resolves differences of opinion, we shall remain in the dust of Moscow’s aims, and we repudiate that as the road to a Communist take-over.

Does Mr. Phipps seriously believe that any evil should be passively tolerated in case by protesting we are the agent of the totalitarian and the overthrow of the West? A policy of passive acquiescence in the existence of abuses would be far more likely to bring this about.

There is, we admit, a serious danger of becoming demonstration-minded, but we believe that the limited value of demonstrations and boycotts must be avoided. We do emphasise that our primary aim is "to foster a responsible awareness towards world problems."

Kiwi in Spain

Terry Killoh, once an editor of SALIENT, writes—

Dear Sir,—As a former editor of SALIENT I am fully aware of your difficulties with regard to copy.

I therefore enclose an article containing observations on mine about the situation and way of life in Spain. I hope that you will see fit to publish it in one of your issues.

Before I visited Spain I had the impression that it is a very backward country with a desperately low standard of living, and that the people live in a constant state of fear under the Franco dictatorship. After a three-week stay there, I formed a rather different impression. The rural parts of Spain are far from backward, and the standard of living in the cities is surprisingly high. It is certainly more modern and progressive. Both are served by excellent underground railways. There are huge modern department stores and shops well stocked with a great variety of commodities and modern clothing. The bulk of the people are well dressed, the men in smart suits and sports clothes, and the women in fine coats and elegant slacks and nylon stockings. Certainly there is no evidence of widespread poverty and unemployment.

Backword Villages

The most unattractive place in Spain is a poor, inaccurate picture of the Spanish way of life. I stayed for 10 days in the little fishing village of Carpeido, situated about 40 miles from the nearest town. There the people are mainly poor and shabbily dressed. However, although Carpeido is one of the most of the people shaming a talented young artist, there was no fishing and tomato growing. Many of the houses are run down, and unemployment is common. Villages such as Carpeido are not unusual, but there are many others which are far more pleasant.

Electricity is hard to come by and most of the people live in the coal and electricity. It is difficult to tell the extent of this. Mr. salamander. There are several schools but many of the villages have no school or library.

A substantial film. The fact that it happens in a dark, lonely place makes no difference. Brief scenes of bathing and swimming can be seen in the film may not be worth anywhere except on beaches. One cannot, therefore, wander through the streets of a seaside village barefooted or in bathing suits without examining it. Bikinis and two-piece swimming suits are illegal and may bring you even on the beaches. It is also regarded as indecent for a girl to wear slacks and slacks with pants. Films are horribly mutilated. Anything up to 500 feet of film is likely to be cut out in any one place.

In the midst of this100% San Francisco, they are open to anyone to join. (Please contact Miss B. Eithorne, 78-599, or Mr. G. C. Job, 78-599.)

We list three projects to prove that any demonstration in which we participate is only supported after serious consideration, and that our activities are orientated towards a serious study of world problems rather than pointless demonstrations.

GRAHAM BUTTERWORTH,

Vice-President, W.A.C.

[Abridged]

Fined or Robbed?

Narrator: Oh I'm sorry my son, it's a day overdue, I'm a fine you will have to be paying. So dip in your hand and give us our due.

Chorus: For our books are most wantonly straying.

Narrator: For there's Nelly and Jenny and Hortense too.

Chorus: They have no place to call home.

Narrator: For their books are most wantonly straying.

Chorus: Our books are most wantonly straying.

Narrator: Half a dollar a week or a part, I am told.

Chorus: We are all millionaires for the asking.

Narrator: So pay up or else.

Chorus: The fine is now ripe for the reaping.

Chorus: Black boot polish, torn pages, and poor students.

Narrator: So if it's your belly you think of, me likely.

Chorus: Just leave the books to the books.

Narrator: They don't belong to us but never you mind. They are in charge of the property.

Chorus: With them are all the materials.

Narrator: Who pays for the books, you might well ask.

Chorus: Why, many in fact were stolen.

Narrator: So bring something back and we use the "quick."

Chorus: For their owners have all been caved.

Chorus: They were the days.

—Humphreys McGonagall Scribner.

Innmanent Collapse for N.Z.

How many New Zealanders or even some of our students have decided to move to New Zealand's economic position is still a mystery.

The United Kingdom will soon be forced to join the "market" and so join the European market in both a political and economic union. France is already producing more agricultural produce than can be consumed and it would be far more advantageous for Britain to import France's goods at such proximity, than New Zealand's at such a great distance.

Also she has access only limited quantities of dairy produce from Denmark impeded by her Commonwealth ties with New Zealand.

Soon the United Kingdom will need these bauxite and New Zealand will face disaster. Her primary production will be very much limited —since she relies on Britain for her exports. Circulation of money will be considerably lessened. Prosperity will decline rapidly. And thus the standard of living will fall. What is New Zealand's only hope? What is New Zealand's only hope? In the philosophy and literature block I had a cup of coffee in the cafeteria. This is really excellent and appears to provide far better education. New Zealanders have never asked for education. That not that would be very difficult, but if you had a cup of coffee at the library. This is very comfortable and spacious but displays its complete lack of reading matter. No doubt this was merely due to the time-honoured tradition of all works expressing a view contrary to the official attitude of the times. The number of clergy at the Union Catholic Church is training on a high standard of education for its Sea and Morality

The laws regarding dress and morality are severe. Nothing in public is forbidden and cars

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Police Story

It seems evident to me that despite the carefree appearance of the New Zealanders, life is not without a great police state. There is an astonishing variety of numbers of police and civil guards. They are everywhere —in the streets, on the beaches and on the trains. But despite the fact that the United Kingdom and its regime is still a police state, there is no great concern. The few that are concerned by this fact are severely curtailed away behind the walls of some forbidding Spanish prison.

People

With the coming into use of the Student Union Building "SALIENT" fell the appropriate time to introduce the new office staff appointments.

Mrs White has replaced Mrs Dunmore as the Student Association Officer. Mrs Oliver- eva is employed by the University Council as telephone operator with general clerical duties. After a fairly rapid succession of office staff it was good to hear that they both intend staying for some time.

The job (to Mrs White) is something new and different: an enjoyable challenge. She seems interested in student affairs and particularly wants to improve the office service for executive and students.

Mrs Oliver-eva has enjoyed her first three days: we hope this will continue. It is caused partly by the efficient operation of the new building, but she did say that she enjoyed meeting students and was thankful for the help given her as she settled in. We also have in the past participated in Little Theatre activities. She mentioned that most students were not yet used to the new building and that cleanliness are surprising at first! She has already much work for her to do.

On one vital and topical issue: both sides felt that our fore- shortened title should not be the "United Students Union of Wellington." We are (and always be) "Victoria University."
Plastic Flow— or Plastic Reasoning?

In the April 7th issue of SALIENT there appeared a summary of a talk by Dr. F. E. Everest (Geology) of Victoria University, on the Maths and Physics Society.

This talk was scheduled to be given by Dr. Everest to the Society, but it was unexpectedly cancelled, due to the unfortunate illness of Dr. Everest. The Society, however, got permission to print the text of the talk in the April issue of SALIENT.

The talk was on the subject of "psycho-mechanical parallelism." Dr. Everest explained that this parallelism indicates anything but a rigid substratum. Secondly, if a rigid substratum existed how could horizontal processes develop on an outer crust as evidenced by folding of mountains?—say New Zealand's Southern Alps?

Another objection could not possibly be supported by gradual submergence of river canyons at rates of movement, as wave erosion would have ample time to destroy them.

Other objections, possibly more fundamental than these, become too technical for the purpose of this paper, so with all due respects to Dr. E. I would point out that the Mathematics and Physics departments do not have all the same opinion, and a little more down-to-earth thinking might produce more plausible results.

R.A.C.
(geological society)

Here, and Where?

Another Capping has passed and a new group of graduates move forward to make their impression on the world. They will be the first to encounter with the problems of life, as many use the university as a warm safe haven to protect and nurture for those years following school only to find that they no longer form a contribution to the larger group. Many others come to the university after having had some worldly experience or on a part-time basis and know something of what is about.

The ruthless campaign of the student finance department to oust the graduates by their fellow students is as constant a characteristic of the general attitude that few serious events, and hence the need for self-sacrifice, are worthy of consideration. The chance that our generation will turn out to be something more than a band of none too anxious alcoholics.

It is vital that the generation leaving university and the colleges during this decade should be aware of their chance to mould the pattern of life in this country in such a way that if the decades of the last cannot be fulfilled they can at least be not shabby.

The generation which grew up in the twenties and thirties fought the last war and returned to govern and has laid a heavy hand on our society. Their spirits crippled by the black poverty of the Depression and the social and political upheavals which marked the period, these men returned from the fight recognising only one ideal—Security.

So we live under the all embracing umbrella of the Welfare State with just enough latitude to encourage every commercial Caesar to spend his life pursuing for a little more of the fruits of materialism than the next man. But for all their present petty vices and grey virtues this generation had, in its younger days, two high ideals which we have never had—imagination and enthusiasm. They also looked forward to the future—a better future.

We look to New Zealand's future today? There is a "New Zealand Driem's." The basis of our society is against it, but there is too little consolidating the pre-communist views of a few people about tomorrow. Neither of our political parties has any long-term plan for us, our fellow-countrymen that they are. There is no party standing for radical progress and there is no call for it. There is a real Left-wing intelligentsia of "psycho-mechanical parallelism." That is—that concurrent similar patterns of behaviour imply identical thought processes as their source.

As Freud claimed, taboos, rituals, and irrational processes do protect man from childhood anxiety. These collective qualities do maintain our "playin' religion" but are elevated by religion to the rational and spiritual level. Taboos are irrational but moral precepts are based on a rational judgment and are an instinctive behaviour but the sacrament of marriage elevates it to a rational and spiritual level.

—P.J.R.

SILK-ANON.

Shall We Pawn The Flag?

When we consider what is now admitted as a fact by the highest banking authorities, namely, that banks have a monopoly of the power to create money, it should be obvious to anyone of average intelligence that that is a stupendous power, irrespective of whether the banks are private trading banks or a central bank, or a World Bank for that matter.

The vile custom which enables our whole economy is that banks, by honouring cheques drawn against money which they have themselves created, get securities representing real wealth for nothing, and that they charge interest on those securities as for as long as they hold them, which is very long time in many instances. Indeed, a great portion of the securities held by the banks, such as those associated with the national debt, represent assets which have long ago depreciated and of which there are few or many cases even a trace of their existence.

Surely, if there is any sanity left in us, all capital assets should be paid out of the corresponding rate; but it is a fact that we are still paying interest on loans issued, for instance, for constructing roads that have long ago been dug up and replaced, such replacements involving fresh loans—roads plied upon roads, debts plied upon debts. This is the sort of thing we have in our national internal economy, and also in the ease of our local bodies. There is also our external debt, in all somewhere around the fantastic figure of £1,200,000,000. Is not that just crazy?

Now it seems that our Government's intention is to funnel all further external loans to capital investments through the World Bank. Where is the need for such loans at all? Surely the proceeds from our tremendous tariff barriers should be sufficient, and to spare, to maintain our import requirements and if not, why not? One has only to look at the terms of the present loan of £20,000,000 we are negotiating in London to see why not. The principal will never be repaid, and interest on it we go on ever and ever, and inflation will go on inflating like the expanding universe except that the universe pays for its expansion as it expands; it leaves no debt and has no hire-purchase system.

It is bad enough that the community's assets should be held in pawn by financial institutions in New Zealand. That can be rectified. But it would not be so easy to redeem them from the World Bank. Let us keep New Zealand's flag in New Zealand.

Patriot

Professor Dorothy Speaks

Recently an address was given by the Rev. Professor E. F. O'Doherty on the subject of religion and psychology. Fr. O'Doherty opened his address by stating that there have been many misunderstandings on both sides between psychology and theology.

For example, the modern psycho-fusion of mental illness with demoralised personality. In modern times, the fusion of religion with neurosis.

The importance of religion as a form of neurosis was a thesis of Freud's. It is based on the evidence that a serious state of broken faith and delusion, are commonly used in both religion and neurosis. Contrary to this the famous psychologist Jung has claimed that religion is irrational—necessary, if not non-essential.

Professor O'Doherty claimed that Freud had made a logical fallacy

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"How many villages and towns in the land have young people do not know how to pass the time or to go? How to spend one's spare time? How many people ask themselves this question every night... Everything has become something interesting to do." Where does this come from? An old interzone radio, the usual frequency, or a New Zealand newspaper wondering what went wray at a festival? No, this is taken from Komsomol'skaya Pravda, the magazine of the Russian Communist Party's Youth Movement, and the date is January 19, 1958. Boredom affects Russian youth in much the same way as any other country's. The difference lies in the sterner government attitude to the usual symptoms of rebellion. Their youth are found treated to constant ridicule and absurdity in the Soviet press. In the last few years there have been several Komsomol publications telling Russian youth how they should dress itself. However, there are slight indications that the system is being made more flexible. A son out of a move to manufacture smarter and better-tailored western-style suits.

The "stylish" devotion to rock 'n' roll and other "democratic" trends has, however, met with no such encouragement from above. Apparently the Komsomol's main role is to make clothing and currency as fully available as possible. A trip to the local market, and the fans go to extraordinary lengths to get tap records or rare Western records recorded over Western radio stations. Bohemianism is only one, relatively harmless way of escape.

THE OUTSIDE WORLD

After Stalin's death overseas visits were allowed for those whose loyalty was beyond doubt. Over time, however, there was a distasteful effect, particularly in the universities, on their return. Some students began openly denouncing their Western publishers and newspapers articles about Western conditions attracted poems by Y. Yevtushenko, a gifted poet who is now a "conscientious" citizen. He expresses the mood of many young Russian students.

Western periodicals are keenly sought by students, but since libraries are not allowed under lock and key most kids do make use of the Vietnamese paper "Boroda" - "the nearest thing to an objective view of the outside world we have." The appetite for travel will certainly grow as more students go to study overseas, and to Youth Festivals. Such students as have taken part in the group of juvenile alcoholism, and the recent reforms, which cover down the effectiveness of youthful workers as well as creating social relations. The government tends to hammer away at these evils with out looking into their causes. To combat them it has tried to encourage participation in sports and in this it has been fairly successful. Body with the rather ominous full name of "Organization to Cooperate with the Navy, Navy and Air Force. This outfit teaches its members to shoot, drive cars and motor-cycles, fly planes and sail boats. This may satisfy the outdoor type, but for serious Bohemianism is only the often escape from drabbness.

Seems familiar?

EXPANSION

The Hebrew University in Jerusalem bestowed academic degrees upon its largest number of candidates in 1958. Of the 707 degrees given during the current year which ended this past summer among the recipients were 193 women and 514 men, 16 of whom attained advanced degrees. Among the students receiving degrees this year were four Armenian students who received the Bachelor of Arts. The Hebrew University in Jerusalem has been conferring academic degrees since its foundation in 1925.

DOUBLE-DECKER

As is the case throughout the world today, in Berlin the number of students is increasing at a rate which is not quite as fast as the rate of those who are the educational socialists. It is important to note that the students in Berlin, who like those at the others, are trying to live a materialistic life. The number of students in Berlin is increasing at a rate of 3,000 per month. The double-decker is the vehicle which enables them to do so. At Rangsee University, for example, there were more applications than there were rooms available. Authorities at the Teachers' Training College tried to solve this problem by introducing double-decker beds into the women's dormitories. The proposed solution was not a success. Fried with the prospect of using one of the new beds the girls reportedly burst into tears. Some have even claimed that the double-deckers are just like canopied funeral biers.

Castro Castigated

"Should Castro be Damned?" Most students did not seem to care. Mr. Max Raskin, the debater for the Debating Society's last debate, summed the evening up as "the worst debate I have ever been in." It was dear to me, unusually provocative speakers such as Mr. O'Brien (leading for the affirmative) and Trotskyite Mr. Gager (leading for the negative) passed through irrelevant material. Miss Younger added little else to the debate, her argument SALIENT understated that Castro should be damned because he was abolishing the Revolution. Miss Frusti, in her plenary session, was the only one to argue for the negative, our only representative for Social reforms. From the floor came a multitude of boring repetitive speakers. Two of them include Mr. Mortarly, who justified his attack on Cuba by showing how unwelcome Castro would be "down there"; or Miss and Mr. Hiltz, who analyzed the political implications of the question. But the atmosphere of the evening was reflected in the tedious speeches. Castro didn't damn him - I like his beard!"

Competition Entry

A junior staff member called Brown.

In a lecture tried scaling the cliffs; "Thus the fluteplayer of Hong Ported King Pong..." But everyone went it down.

ANDREW JAOHANES

A seafaring young student of Law, Who dared to see life in the raw. First strangles his cousin Then realising doin

His aunt, sliced up fine, with a saw.

PAT REESE (Slightly altered)

A learned philosopher Joe Was overheard uttering: "Blow it is just indelicate! That I think that I think That I know what I know that I know." FRED SPT.

"And yet I fear this nostalgia too. In, a man must not be lead. A man must move freely, without those terrors of cobwebs blanketing his soul, emptying his heart. They talk about theurray of the senses, but not entirely. They forget nothing, all to nothing, nobody to the science of the heart. All Ireland for me, is in and about Rathboun. The man was a loony, flea-bitten, snoring pig of a town that I cannot think of without going soft as a woman." "An Irish Journey." S. O'Pailain.

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—Editor.
Wanted: A Woman

The concert had ended a little after ten, and as the night was clear and still I decided to economize on bus fares and walk back to the hostel. It was a dark night, and not even the moon was very far, and clean after the day’s rain. A few puddles, formed in the uneven paving and the potholes, reflected the dull yellow light of the street lights.

There was little movement in that part of the city except for the quiet, steady buzz of “Good-byes” from the empty concert hall. The spire of St. Peter’s Cathedral towered above me on one side and the thick-set buildings closed in on the other. I made my way down to St. James Street, and saw the station clock reading 10:12 p.m. Cumberland Street was dark and the pavement uneven—I could not see the puddles, clearly and carefully, anxiously not to spill my “best” shoes. But it was a long, monotonous walk, and I soon quickened my pace, regardless of shoes, splashing puddles aside, and my eyes sought the dark landmarks ahead of me.

By “Jancit”

I passed, then slunk slowly on. As it drew near with a distant street light I saw that it was a one-story red sports-car. I was about to cross Albany Street when I saw the car make a turn in the road and come straight towards me. Though slightly apprehensive, I didn’t quicken my step—just imagination, of course—I wouldn’t think about it.

So, now comes the question about “something else.” I was running now and walked through the tall pines at Students’ Walk, when I started, suddenly aware of the coldness. I shivered and the car’s motor seemed to be speaking to my feet and dangerously close to my heart. I was walking mechanically now, my whole body pounding insistently to the maddening rhythm of my heart beats. “What a tough time?” It was a man’s voice from inside the car. “I didn’t turn my head. I was terrified lest I discover how many people I was up against.”

I could feel my feet alexing and falling on to the pavement. Then the pavement seemed to be coming up to hit my feet. But I kept moving. The car drew even with me again. Then somehow I quickened my step and crossed the road in front of the stationary vehicle. I reached the opposite footpath—I was now in the open, and the driveway to the Students’ Union Building was on my right. I turned, now almost running, and I heard a car door slam. The big brick building with its gleaming rows of dark windows gave me, in that instant, a sense of protection, of encouragement.

Footsteps crunch the gravel and

THE SCRAMBLE FOR NON-MANUAL JOBS

It is obvious that there has been a scramble for higher education as a means of avoiding manual jobs in Russia, and that recently the trend has become embarrassing to the government. A class of privileged, highly qualified families has built up, determined to preserve its immunity from humble jobs. To deal with this Khrushchev himself in 1958 formulated a new Education Law. School courses were reduced from 10 to eight years, with a further three years of “socially useful work” to be completed before the pupil is enrolled. Hence no student may go straight from school to university. Although the law could give intellectually better contacts with the “other side” of society, it could also degenerate into a handy source of cheap labour, as Khrushchev feared. I should say that for many students (those not chosen for higher education), these three years would contain a minimum of academic work. Secondly, admission to a university after the three-year period will only be granted on receipt of favourable testimonials from local Party, trade union and youth organisations. This creates a new political hurdle to be crossed before admission.

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