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Thou shalt be greater than the city that lies
 Beneath thee; though the wave curve tender foam
 Athwart her beach, thou hast a fairer home
 Where mountains watch thee with eternal eyes.
 Within the sanctuary men shall prize
 The charm of Greece, the majesty of Rome.
 And science through thy starry-circled dome
 Shall trail her robe of unimagined dyes.
 As thou hast gathered round thee all that brood
 Of sacrifice for knowledge, who forsee
 Regeneration, humbleness and faith
 Won through the yoke of Pallas, thou wilt be
 Memory for those who built thy walls when death
 Had given them else forgotten solitude.

—HUBERT CHURCH
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A Matter Of Policy

WE think it will be conceded that a newspaper, as such, does not necessarily have to be of a high literary or typographical standard to appeal to the general reader. While we do not intend this to be an attempted justification for the faults which are often apt to creep into "Salient", we may nevertheless examine the statement in order to discover just what are the qualities which a newspaper should possess to make it readable to the large majority of members of a community. The most important quality, perhaps, is factual reporting. People are curious; they want to know what is happening, hence they buy a newspaper.

"Salient", however, is "an organ of student opinion". By definition, therefore, it has an obligation above that of an ordinary newspaper. It must also act as a medium for the diverse and sometimes bitter comments of students on their own affairs and on the actions of others.

But we maintain, nevertheless, that before a student can have an opinion, it is necessary that he be informed of the many aspects of College life about which it is possible to form an opinion. So we consider that the policy of "Salient" should be firstly to inform, and secondly to provide opportunities for discussion. That will be our policy, and to the best of our endeavours, we will carry it out.

The Editor and Staff of "Salient" take this opportunity of welcoming new comers to the College. We hope they will make the best of their University career, and on this point would recommend that they study carefully the article written for their benefit, to be found on page three.

THIS issue of "Salient" was produced by the Editor, Dan Donovan, and the Assistant Editors, Brian C. Shaw and Jane Beaglehole. The cartoon on the front page was drawn by Bob Brockie. Needless to say, we are indebted to our contributors, who provided us with writing of a high standard. We mention particularly Dr. G. A. Currie, Vice Chancellor of the University of New Zealand; Professor L. R. Richardson, M.Sc., Ph.D.; Mr. R. C. Burton, LL.M.; Trev. Hill; Gwenda Cameron; Susan Rhind; John Cody. Our Sports correspondents were W. Iles, J. Morrison, B. Galvin and Ian Free.

TRAM 231

About Our Cover

THE poem printed on the front cover may perhaps be familiar to some of our readers, especially to the women students. The original copy may be seen at any time on one of the doors of the women's compartment in W.C.C. tram No. 231. Have a look at it some time—it is one of the few ways by which the University is kept before the public eye. The drawings surrounding it are our artist's impressions of the University as he finds it. We leave you to judge which is the more correct. We hope to print more information about this poem in a later issue.

Exec. Jottings . . .

Exec Annual Party

THIS year the affair was held in the Lower Gym, and was, we thought, rather more successful than in previous years. Mr. Ian Free, as a rather well (if little loosely) bearded Father Christmas, played his part with the near perfection so appropriate to the occasion. Among the guests we saw various members of N.Z.U.S.A. Resident Exec.

TEACHER

Mr. Bernard Galvin, Honorary Secretary of V.U.C.S.A., is this year teaching Science and Mathematics at St. Pat's, Cambridge Terrace, and he will be attending Varsity part-time this year. He intends doing Economics II.

Present Executive

The executive now stands as follows:—

President: Malcolm McCaw (sportsman).

Vice-President (Men): Tim Beaglehole (harrier).

Vice-President (Women): Pam Beck (skier).

Treasurer: Cliff Terry (no information).

Secretary: Bernie Galvin (adviser).

Men's Committee: Messrs. Ian Free (bookie), Denis McLean (Rhodes Scholar), Wally Iles (shooter), Dick Gilbert (harrier—will go far with coaching).

Women's Committee: Misses Peggy Thom (dilettante?), Diana Lescher (hostess, etc., de luxe), Mary Williment (alchemist's dream come true), and Beverly Watkins (dark horse).

—B. C. SHAW.

RHODES SCHOLAR

All students of the College will have been delighted to hear of the election of Dennis Maclean, a graduate of the Science Faculty, to a Rhodes Scholarship. Dennis is a well-known member of the V.U.C. first fifteen. His connections with other clubs has gained him many friends, and his quiet and reserved nature is in keeping with his scholastic attainments. We wish him all the best for his studies at Oxford.

LECTURER

Mr. Patrick Ae ("Diphthong") Hutchings, M.A. (Hons.) has been recently appointed Junior Lecturer in the Department of Philosophy. We think that the Philosophy II. lectures will be livened by his Aquinian Ethics.

STATE OF THE UNION

ON behalf of the Executive may I take this opportunity of extending a warm welcome to all students who are enrolling for lectures at Victoria College during 1954.

The year 1953 can, I feel, be looked back upon with much satisfaction. In sport, our record was outstanding. For three seasons running we have been able to claim supremacy in the major sports in Wellington, our Senior Rugby team having won the Jubilee Cup twice and our cricketers having been successful once. The Athletic and Harrier Clubs were also successful in winning their respective Senior Club Championships last year, while our cricketers, although not top of the ladder, remain at the moment the only unbeaten team in the competition. The Rugby Club celebrated its fiftieth anniversary with the inclusion of four of its members in the



P. M. McCaw, Esq. President.

President's Message for 1954

All Black team at present touring the United Kingdom, a fitting reward for the attractive and enterprising football which they have played during the past two seasons.

Together with the good records by other University Clubs, including a most successful Winter Tournament, these fine performances contributed to a proud record which will indeed be difficult to equal in the future.

Academic Achievements

From an academic viewpoint, Victoria's achievement was also great. In scholarships awarded, Victoria gained more than her share, and for the second year in succession one of her members was successful in gaining a Rhodes Scholarship.

There can be little doubt that the College is enjoying one of its most successful periods, that the Executive has been fully aware of the fact and has in general devoted its energies to the task of making permanent the greatly improved spirit among students which has naturally followed upon success. By meeting Club representatives at regular intervals, it has endeavoured to assist them in every way in building up strong and active organisations. On the social side, it organised last year a series of dances, which on the whole were the most successful for several years. In the matter of service to students it has carried on the Student Employment Scheme and the Stationery Scheme which were promoted by the previous Executive, and this year it is hoped a Text Book Scheme will be added.

Student Union Building

THE Student Union Building has occupied much of the time of your executive and an up-to-date report on the facilities required was adopted at a recent meeting. We are all hopeful that a definite start can be made in the near future.

The administration for Capping has already begun. Although I regret to say we can obtain no definite information on the availability of the Opera House until late in March, we are carrying on with our plans in the hope that all will be well. As hosts for this year's winter Tournament, we face a task requiring considerable organisation. On the publication side the executive has decided to publish an issue of "Spike" in 1954, the first for six years, while efforts will be made during the year to replace the present Students' Handbook with a more comprehensive Orientation Handbook to be issued to intending students before they leave school.

Future Plans

What then of the future? A brief reflection reveals that your Executive has a very full programme to carry out during the remainder of its term in office. In the first place, it must organise all the activities in connection with the "Freshers' Week," including the Freshers' Welcome, the Freshers' Ball, together with the administration of the Stationery and Text Book Scheme. This year an extension will be made by promoting Faculty Evenings, the main purpose of which is to allow new students to meet their lecturers in a social atmosphere.

This programme is a heavy one, demanding a great deal of work by all members of the Executive. If the Executive is to be able to carry them through to a successful conclusion it must rely heavily upon the willing and active support of a large body of students. May I therefore conclude by making an appeal to all students, whether you be full time or part time, to enter freely into the student activities which will be organised for your benefit. If you are asked to fill an administrative post, accept willingly if you possibly can. When volunteers for such activities as Extravaganza and Procession are called for, make it your business to be among those who step forward. If you co-operate in this manner, the work of the Executive will be far less burdensome and much more successful, you yourself will enjoy the pleasure of meeting your fellow students, while you will contribute in no small way towards making Victoria College an even better University than it is to-day.

May I wish you all a happy and successful year.

—P. M. McCaw, President.

Another Gone

IT is with great pleasure that we congratulate Miss Mary Williment, B.Sc. (Chemistry), and Mr. Malcolm McLean (also science) on the occasion of their recent engagement, and we wish them all of the best in the future.

"Love blooms in test tubes
In accordance with mathematical formulae."

FRESHERS READ THIS!

Advice To Students

NOT infrequently, first-year university students find themselves worrying over their financial situation and their progress in classes. Therefore we have thought it prudent to set out briefly some of the more important factors which, if borne in mind and acted upon, will save considerable disappointment and will enable the student to get the best out of himself and the conditions under which he has to study.

"Life is an adventure in experience, and when you are no longer greedy for the last drop of it, it means no more than that you have set your face, whether you know it or not, to the day when you shall depart without a backward look. Those who look backwards longingly to the end die young, at whatever age."

Necessity of a Well-Planned Programme.—As soon as possible develop a tentative programme of study. This programme should be based upon the following factors: acquaintance with the main elements of many subjects; analysis of the vocational and practical value of the various subjects; consultations with friends and teachers whose judgment you respect (the Liaison Officer at the College, Mr. Ralph Hogg, can offer considerable help in the selection of a course of study); consideration of your ability as expressed in other examinations; analysis of proper balance of emphasis among your various different types of activities, e.g., student associations, recreation, rest.

Revise this schedule regularly in order that you may obtain the maximum benefit from it.

Use Available Resources.—The Library is for your use. Use it often. Also make use of special discussions, by attending these you will further your knowledge and appreciation of the various subjects of your course. Attend tutorials. Ask questions about anything that you are not too sure about.

Arrangement of Proper Conditions for Studying.—Take care of your eyes and health; use common sense. To increase the likelihood of success, criticise the conditions under which you study, and use the most hygienic, economical and efficient methods available.

Be Optimistic.—Do not worry unduly about examinations. Education is not the pocketing of eight or nine units of subject-matter. It is growth in appreciation, understanding, wisdom, and character, more than it is anything else. Just do your best, and make the best of it. Accept difficulties as challenges.

You must not only prepare to earn a living, you must also begin to live a life. Life does not start when you graduate. Graduation is a part of life. Enjoy life, make friends, enjoy learning. Get the best cultural background you can, bearing in mind, however, that occupational studies may go far toward extending your cultural horizon.

If you choose the type of work you like best, you will be happier and more efficient than you would be if restricted to less interesting work.

Financial Problems . . . ?

In many cases, students encounter the unfortunate situation of financial difficulty in seeking to advance their education. If you must work your own way and find it difficult to do so, take a smaller programme rather than sacrifice the quality of your studying. Do less and do it well.

If you must borrow, do it with the greatest discretion. It may be far better to arrange terms with the College than to plunge into private debt. Apply for scholarships and part-time employment at an early date. Applications later may be useless as far as your immediate personal needs are concerned. You will, of course, economise, buying used copies of texts (visit the SCM book-stall during the first three days of

term—make sure they are the proper editions and complete); do some real shopping before you spend your money. Few indeed are the salesmen who will explain the deficiencies of their products; they present only the bright side. You must learn to be a cautious, practical consumer.

Conserving Funds . . .

Hints on how to conserve limited funds have been ably summarised by C. C. Crawford.

"Compare relative values of articles before you purchase. Buy necessities first, and educational necessities first of all. Don't economise by doing without books, tools, and needed class equipment. It is false economy to do so. Get good quality of goods, even though it costs more; it pays in the end. Ask the price before buying, whether you are buying goods or membership in an organisation. Pay your fixed charges, such as room and rent, in advance. Buy a reasonable supply of recreation; it is a necessity. Don't run with the rich crowd—you won't be able to keep up. Be honest and admit poverty, instead of going under false pretences. Remember where the funds that you are spending have come from. Don't raise your standard of living unless you are sure you can keep it up, because it is very hard to go back to a lower standard when once you are accustomed to a higher one. Keep busy, and you will not spend so much. Avoid unnecessary habits of spending, such as treating your friends, and eating between meals. Always keep an emergency reserve on hand; and if you have funds above the needs of the current month, keep them in the savings bank where they will be free from your cheque and will earn a small amount of interest.

"There are some specific suggestions for reducing the expenses of college life which may be worth

considering at this point. Patronise second-hand book exchanges. Take good care of books so that they will bring good second-hand prices. Be careful with your books, pens and supplies, to avoid losing them. Repair things before they are ruined. 'A stitch in time saves nine'. Buy paper by the ream instead of by the tablet. Buy ink in a large-size bottle that will last you all the year. Use one loose-leaf notebook for all of your courses. Avoid waste, whatever its form and magnitude."

Conclusion . . .

The student who conscientiously does his best is almost sure to succeed; even if he does not achieve distinction, he will know that so far as he is concerned, he has grown in knowledge, power and understanding. The late loved Premier of this country, Michael Savage, in a letter addressed to the students of this college, had this to say:

"Although it is the privilege of age to give advice, it is the prerogative of students not to heed it. . . . Their youthfulness and energy are to be envied, and if they could have my experience they would know the importance of making the most of the splendid chances that have come their way. . . .

"University trained men and women have greater opportunity than most of acquiring the knowledge and habits of thought which make for leadership in the broadest sense of the term.

"May I say with the best good will that, unfortunately, the possession of high academic degrees is not always accomplished by a well-developed social conscience, or even breadth of mind. Education at times appears to be very narrow. I have known many intelligent people who have had no university training at all, and yet have been worth knowing, and I have met others whose great cleverness and learning were equalled only by their cocksure ignorance of the things that matter. . . .

These words are no less true today. Remember that merely attending classes offers no guarantee that you will benefit as much as you should from educational opportunities. The process of self-education is endless. —B. C. Shaw.

For Freshers Only Advice on Dress

THE Fresher starting her (or his) career as a daily visitor to the lecture rooms, etc., of this Institution may suffer some doubts and delusions as to the appropriate dress fashions. The following points therefore may be of use.

- A gaberdine coat of unobtrusive shade, if possible with oily marks, is indispensable; this should be gathered tightly at the waist by females.
- Head scarves or berets are permitted if pulled down firmly; men may adopt tweed hats if shapeless enough.
- Blazers should be at least one size too large, and if new, exposed to gain the correct brownish shade and droopy shape. Patches of contrasting colour on elbows are extremely popular.
- Stockings should never be worn in pairs — introduce variety! Ladders are essential, and daubs of nail polish at regular intervals are most fashionable.
- Make-up: Avoid moderation! In hair-style cultivate that wind-blown look; but don't forget that adorable little curl reposed over one eye.
- Ties, if worn, should not be varied, change of pattern shows distressing lack of concentration. Here again, avoid moderation; a completely brilliant or a completely dull shade is the rule.
- Shirts: At least one tartan shirt is advised. Clan does not matter; let colour be your guiding rule. Overcome your colleagues with your brilliance.
- Every student must carry a zip-around briefcase—shabby and with the zip broken, if possible.
- Don't be afraid of wearing all your wardrobe at once—you can easily discard in library or lecture room.
- Most important of all! Don't take this seriously.



Freshers, meet GEORGE. His ideas on dress were so radical we could only photograph his head. Next issue George will tell you all about drink. Watch for it!

Staff Meeting

THERE will be a meeting for new staff members of "Salient" after the second issue, the date of which meeting will be announced in that issue. Any people interested in joining the staff of "Salient", and finding out for themselves just what the romance of newspaper life consists of, are invited to attend. Contributions for "Salient" are accepted up to the Sunday proceeding each issue. These should be typed, or else written clearly on one side of the page with a space between lines.

S.C.M. FRESHERS' DAY

on

SATURDAY, MARCH 13, 1954

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PROGRAMME

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10.30 a.m. at Women's Common Room: Staff and Student Discussion. 12.15 p.m.: Lunch. 1.30 p.m.: Leave for Wilton's Bush. 3.30 p.m.: Afternoon Tea at 90 Wade Street. 4.30 p.m.: Close of Day.

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All those interested in S.C.M. activities are invited to attend

TRAMPERS!

FRESHER TRIP

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There will be a day trip to initiate Freshers into the Mysteries of Tramping

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All Old-Timers and Friends Also Invited.

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Truck leaves for CAMP AKATARAWA at 9 a.m. from Wharf side of Railway Station. MARCH 14, 1954.

CONGRESS . . . 1954

CURIOUS COVE

The Comments of "Harpocrates"

CONGRESS doesn't mean much to the average student. It is held at an obscure place during an obscure time of the year and it is only very rarely that the newspapers take any notice of us—which is what we wish. Congressites are very proud of the select nature of their group and any attempt to over-popularise Congress would be greeted with dismay. But all of this obscurity of time and place, and the selectness of the habitues, mis-apprehensions covering the nature of Congress are many. The following is not an apologia but rather a report of extra-curricular activities which contributed very largely to the formation of the "congress spirit".

Congress 1954, was organised by A.U.C.; the Congress Controller was Peter Boag, co-editor of "Craccum" and an executive member. Congress organisation involves in the main collecting from all over New Zealand a stimulating panel of lecturers headed by an outstanding chairman. The Controller succeeded in the first but not in the latter. The actual management of Congress proceeded smoothly enough—the less it is in evidence the better it is—but did not impress as did the previous management by Audrey Cook of V.U.C. Boag did, however, introduce some innovations which will contribute to future Congress.

LECTURERS

The selection of lectures was the outstanding feature of Congress: not only the stars like Currie, Beeby and Sutch, but also lesser-known speakers such as Pet Mayhew (arrived from England two years ago), brought the speaking to a level thought the highest yet. The talks generally were informative rather than controversial, although the philosophers did scrape up a good row after the Idealist Pfau's lecture on philosophy.

V.U.C.'s recently-appointed junior lecturer in Philosophy (Earle Robinson) was heard in the heat of argument, with great conviction and considerable accuracy, to tell his distinguished colleague that he was a fool.

One particularly interesting feature of the lectures was the large number of "off-the-record" remarks by the speakers (seven of whom were public servants). Congressite must be as well-informed now as any other comparative group in the community. But surprisingly the discussion subsequent to the talks never became particularly controversial or heated. Many felt in this respect that the absence of the usual strong demagogic crowd of S.L.F.s (such as Bollinger, Piper and MacNeill) deadened discussion, which became almost impossible amongst the ordinary Congressites, who agreed on almost everything.

THE CHAIRMAN

The Congress chairman was A. R. D. Fairburn, Lecturer in Art at the Elam School of Art, Auckland. His innocuous and unamusing interjections did not suffice to raise his con-



Taken inside the "lecture hall", the photo shows how the listeners combine comfort and mental exertion. In the front, among others, are V.U.C. Exec. Members, Pam Beck and Peggy Thom.

tribution to the discussions to more than the level of mediocrity, and despite an assuming pleasantness of disposition, he was not a competent chairman. However, Congress is just as much self-directing as directed and so did not suffer greatly from what on any other important occasion would have been an embarrassment.

NIGHTS . . .

But enough gossip—this is what we did. Firstly, six students and one guest speaker missed the boat, and proceeded by air from Rongotai to Blenheim, by land (to Picton), and by sea (to Curious Cove). That Saturday night saw a welcome addition to Congress protocol: the swearing-in of newcomers to Congress, conducted under the aegis of Arch-priest and Chief Nightwatchman Harris, assisted by Acolytes Free, and Beck and Lescher (female, second class).

That commenced our round of nightly activity. Films, dances, fish-fries, nocturnal launch-trips, parties, and sometimes even sleep helped to fill out the official programme. As is customary, the social occasion of Congress was the fancy dress ball which produced as prizewinners Nan O'Shea (V.U.C.), Ian Free (V.U.C.), as Tamahine the Cook Strait Fairy; Madame Harris' girls, Chris Beeby, Tim Beaglehole, and Clarrie Gibbons (all V.U.C.); and the chain-gang, Dave Wallace (O.U.), Laurie Colebrook (A.U.C.), Trev Hill (V.U.C.), and Paul Thompson (O.U.)—which was formed after investigation into the records of all Congressites. On this occasion also the standard was not as high generally as last year, but still served as a remarkable testament to the ingenuity of the participants.

. . . AND DAYS

That day, the Wednesday, is traditionally set aside for a launch-trip to Kip's Cove, about 90 minutes by launch up Queen Charlotte Sound to a little bushy cove where Cook four times had visited during his travels. There the majority sunbathed—the weather generally turns out glorious—swam, and slept, while later on in the afternoon two lunches took parties of fishermen to seek the finny

In a way, we regret not being able to give some condensed account of the speeches which were delivered at Congress. However, a pamphlet is being issued by the Auckland University at Easter time, and it is hoped that this will contain full texts of the speeches. We print here the comments of one Congressite, and in the near future it is planned to reprint certain of the speeches in full.

flocks. After tea the fancy dress ball, followed by a fish fry on the beach, and at two o'clock in the morning a launch-trip down the Sound, romantic in the moonlight under the velvet sky and faint stars, and cold as hell if one didn't have a blanket or a girl-friend? Home again by a quarter to four, but the "Rongs" departed immediately for Ship's Cove, not to return (because of engine trouble) until 10 a.m.

MURDERED SLEEP

It is not to be wondered that sleep is the rarest luxury at Congress. Runmour has it that a 32-hour day is to be introduced next year: 8 hours for work, 15 hours for play, and 8 hours for sleep. The evening programme usually went: lecture, discussion, supper, dance or films, and party. The parties were generally organised by huts and the invitation was open to all. One of the most interesting get-togethers was in Hut 21, where some selected students bombarded Dr. Sutch with questions on South Africa. Dr. Sutch was perhaps the most popular person at Congress, being always ready to discuss anything in his field with even the newest fresher. We would like to see more of Dr. Sutch. Our official night-watchmen got to work smartly on the first night with "Two o'clock and a-l's we-e-ell," but their efforts being received with some disfavour, they were discontinued to everyone's satisfaction until the last night, when the nightwatchmen performed the socially invaluable and important function of waking everybody up person-

The speakers at Congress were:
Mr. A. R. D. Fairburn, Lecturer in History of Art, A.U.C.

Dr. G. A. Currie, B.Sc., Agr., D.Sc., Litt. D. Served in the Gordon Highlanders, 1915-1918. Vice-Chancellor W.A. 1940-1952. Vice-Chancellor U.N.Z., May, 1952.

Mr. P. K. Mayhew entered the English Probation Service after his graduation from Oxford. He was brought out to New Zealand to revitalise and reorganise the New Zealand Probation Service in 1961.

Mr. W. M. Hamilton, M.Agr.Sc. Joined the D.S.I.R. 1936, in 1948 appointed assistant secretary, D.S.I.R., in charge of agricultural research; 1953 appointed secretary to D.S.I.R.

Rev. Luke H. Jenkins, B.D. (Hons.), graduate of University of London. Warden of Carrington Hall, co-ed University Hostel in Dunedin.

Dr. W. B. Sutch, M.A., B.Com., Ph.D. Was for three years Secretary-General of New Zealand's United Nations delegation.

Miss Margaret Sutch, sister to Dr. Sutch. Graduate V.U.C. Education Dept. psychologist, expert in problems of mentally and emotionally retarded children.

Mr. E. J. Searle, M.Sc., F.G.S., A.N.Z.I.C. Lecturer in Science, Post-Primary Dept., Auckland Teachers' College, and Demonstrator in Geology, A.U.C.

Mr K. B. Pfau.

ally at 3 a.m. to tell them the score of the All Blacks and the cricketers.

The Congress Olympics on Saturday were won for the second time since the Games' inception by V.U.C., which manages never to win a tournament and never to lose a Congress Olympics. Despite the inexplicable failure of Vic's crack volleyball team in the last two games of the final, Vic won the handsome inlaid shield (which has been returned to its domestic use) by a majority of over ten points. The Vic tug-of-war team (led for the second time by Trev. Hill) won easily this year, but a new venture in which Vic participated, the boatrace, was declared a no-contest after (but not because) Chris Beeby, Kath Slocum and Peter Boag had been subjected to enforced immersion in the cold sea.

Commensurate with the dignity of the proceeding, Congress had its due measure of pomp and circumstance, culminating in the Mock Trials organised by Diana Lescher. In one of these, by some legal process unknown to the New Zealand legal system, Dr. Sutch was subjected to the over-vigorous penalty of 10 kisses. What a way to die! Earle Robinson sanctified the position of Lord Chief Justice with Roger "S'weip me" Harris as Clerk of the Court. We have mentioned the oath-taking which commenced the Congress. Congress Forum failed to produce any unexpected notions.

One interesting aspect of Congress was that the majority of students appeared to be either graduates or to be doing advanced work. Quite a number were due to commence the year with the Post-Grad. Teachers' Training Course. A disturbing feature was that apart from Earle Robinson the V.U.C. staff was not represented.

Well, there it is. Not very coherent because things didn't

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KNOW YOUR UNIVERSITY

1. The University of New Zealand

By Dr. G. A. Currie

EVEN if the University of New Zealand were to be abolished completely today, we would have to create an organisation largely similar to it tomorrow to deal with the central function of the University system in New Zealand. Since well over 80 per cent of the income of the Colleges is derived from a central Government, and since New Zealand needs some central co-operation in standards for its University degrees, and needs co-ordination between the Colleges in the interests of hundreds of students who remove from centre to centre yearly, and since a great number of Scholarships, research funds and other matters have to be centrally organised yearly, it is clear that whatever it is named, some co-ordinating University body is and will be established. The special Professional Schools throughout New Zealand are Special Schools of the University of New Zealand and to regulate the establishment and location of new ones, and assist the development of existing ones, some centralised policy is needed. Moreover, it is wise that there should be a body which can study the philosophy and development of University education in a small growing community on a Dominion-wide basis.

At this Conference I want to tell you about the functions performed by the University and to tell you where the fees you pay for examinations go; to outline the directions of evolution which the University is taking at the moment and perhaps suggest what the pattern of the future is likely to be. Before going into more detail, however, let me say again that I understand perfectly that loyalties are strongest in smallest and most intimate communities. In education, starting with the family where ties are usually strongest, we often find that school loyalties can remain stronger than college loyalties throughout the life of the individual.

Similarly, loyalty to the University College where you live and study and make friends is naturally much stronger than any loyalty you might feel to a remote University of New Zealand which only examines you and charges you for the privilege of sitting examinations and conferring degrees upon you. That is all perfectly understandable and right, yet it is also true that many New Zealand graduates, specially when they go overseas, do find themselves merging their national pride with their pride in belonging to the University, so that often at a late stage a certain loose loyalty to the University does emerge. Whatever feelings you may have about the University, there is little call for you while you are actually studying in one of the University Colleges to have any particularly warm feelings about the University, which seems only to take your money and give precious little in return. However, the University does have vital functions concerning all of you, and I do want members of the Conference to have more knowledge about it because, like everybody else, remote as we are from the actual teaching of students and personal



Dr. G. A. CURRIE, Vice-Chancellor of the University of New Zealand.

daily contact with teachers, with all the warmth of personal relationships that these entail, we would prefer to live in an atmosphere of reasonable understanding and even tolerance: perhaps in extreme cases, even appreciation! We sometimes feel that captious criticism is rather more often directed at our work than the circumstances warrant and only lack of a true understanding of the University's functions and activities could be the reason for this.

The Various Bodies

I shall attempt to cover and explain shortly the activities of the various bodies within the University before going on to give you a detailed description of just what happens to the fees that we collect from degree and University Entrance examinations.

To begin with, there is the powerful body, the Senate, in which rests the authority given to us under the University of New Zealand Act. Theoretically it is the governing body of a unitary University which consists of four Constituent Colleges and two associated Agricultural Colleges. Actually the kind of single complete University which was, as I understand it, intended by the Commission of 1926 in their Report has never really functioned, nor have those who have had the control of matters in the Colleges and in the Senate apparently wished it to function. It is in fact a mixture of federal and unitary in its functioning. The colleges are the real universities in a Teaching sense. The Senate is composed of a majority of persons who are concerned directly with the University Colleges so that whatever policy the Senate develops must be considered to be what the Colleges want. The Senate meets once or twice a year in different University centres and it has an Executive which meets monthly in Wellington to conduct any

business between meetings of the main body.

The Academic Board, composed of Professors from the Colleges and the Academic Heads of the Colleges, is responsible for academic policy throughout the system and in the main the recommendations of the Academic Board are accepted by the Senate. The Academic Board receives recommendations which come up through the Professorial Boards of the Colleges so that in the end the academic policy is intended to be representative of the best thinking of academic men throughout the system. Critics of the Board would claim that it has to find the lowest common denominator amongst the proposals sent up by the Colleges and so becomes, they think, a brake on certain kinds of educational experimentation.

The Entrance Board, composed of Professors from the Colleges, members of the Education Department, and representatives of independent schools, sets standards for admission to the University. These standards, I think you will agree, are best to be equal throughout the Dominion, just as Great Britain has found that the General Certificate of Education applied on a nation-wide scale is most acceptable as a basis for entrance to all the universities there. Some extreme separatists suggest that each College should set its own entrance standard, but so far as one can see, a general standard throughout is preferable.

The Grants Committee, composed of persons selected by the Senate for their wide general interest in and knowledge of University affairs, along with the Heads of the Colleges, is charged with the responsibility of advising the Government on the financial needs of the University as a whole. That means all of the Constituent Colleges, the Agricultural Colleges and the Special Schools such as Medicine, Engineering, Dentistry, Architecture, Home Science and so on to the Government about the forth. In addition, the Grants Committee considers and makes representations to the Government about the building needs of the Colleges.

In addition to the statutory committees there is a multitude of Scholarship Committees, Research Fund Committees, and other committees concerning Special Schools and other matters which deal separately with University problems throughout the year.

Uses of Fees

At this stage we can go back to the central office of the University and see just what it does and how it uses the money from fees collected from University Entrance candidates and from yourselves, as well as from those who offer themselves for admission recognition and higher degree examinations. You should understand right at the beginning that though the Government grants about a million pounds a year through Vote Edu-

ON this page is the first of a series in which we introduce the upper strata of the University to the uninitiated. All the various Councils and Boards which exist in or about the College must, in a sense, have some relevance to the students. It is our intention that this series, "Know Your University", be an introduction to these Councils and so forth; we hope that in them the relevance to student life and well-being of such organisations as the N.Z. University and the Professorial Board will be made apparent. The first article is taken from the speech which Dr. Currie delivered at Curious Cove Congress. It is, we feel, a very good introduction to the purpose and functioning of the N.Z. University, which is at the top of that hierarchy of control extending from the students upwards.

cation, as recommended by the Grants Committee to be distributed to the University Colleges, the University of New Zealand receives for its own special purposes from the Government only £6900 per annum. The clerical costs of running the University office are only about the same as the clerical costs of running the Medical School at Otago. It has always been run on "shoe-string" finances and has been a remarkably efficient and economical examining administrative machine. Then where does all the fee income go?

First and foremost I say flatly that the great majority of examinations in the University are only just self-supporting or actually run at a loss. Some smaller subjects are so costly to examine that even to set the papers and have them printed costs more than the fee income. The money returned to the Colleges to supplement the salaries of members of staff; to pay the actual examiners for the work; to pay for supervision, paper, postage and so on, for the examinations is in most cases as great or greater than the sums received. Fortunately, however, there are some large examination groups, the fee income from which shows a favourable balance to the University of New Zealand and it is from those particular groups chiefly that the means to pay for certain University of New Zealand activities comes. Those worthy examination subjects which are responsible for the favourable balance are mainly Accountancy, University Entrance and Medicine; and University Entrance shows a credit balance largely because of the accrediting system. By far the largest expenditure by the University of New Zealand from the balance of its fee income goes into Scholarships at the undergraduate, graduate and post-graduate level. Here are the sums paid last year by the University for Scholarships:

University Junior Scholarships (40 yearly)	£5,736
University Senior Scholarships (24 yearly)	2,612
University Research Scholarships (16 yearly)	3,200
University Postgraduate Travelling Scholarships (about 10 yearly)	6,020
	£17,568

Bank charges, etc., make this figure up to £17,615.

Now to meet this cost in part the University has an income from invested funds and an income from the rent of the University building in

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occur to a pattern. The spirit which evolved from this crucible in the Sounds we can perhaps describe as a conception of high moral obligation to the community. If that sounds to high-falutin' let us just say that these students felt responsible and wished to undertake responsibility in the community. But we must remember that these were not students representative of all other students. We look to Congress lofty ideals: we gained even loftier aspirations. So if you wish to go to Congress you must, have something to offer—and if you have you shall receive ten-fold.

—HARPOCRATES.

The Duke and the Scientists

Comments by Prof. Richardson

A MAJOR event in the history of New Zealand science took place on January 13, 1954, in the Lecture Hall of the Dominion Museum, when His Royal Highness the Duke of Edinburgh addressed a meeting of 350 scientists representative of all scientific organisations in this Dominion. The address was broadcast throughout the country. His Royal Highness surveyed the relationships between scientists and the community, the needs of scientists, the interdependence of scientists both on the national and international levels, and emphasised the fact that scientific endeavour is a necessity for the progress of this nation and of the Commonwealth.

The address has been freely reported. Its content is well known and accessible to those who would consult it in its detail. The young scientist, impatient for the full manifestation of his science, reading the address may not recognise its value and the function it performs. It does not praise past accomplishments at any great length. It gives no estimate in pounds and pence of the increased wealth which has come to this community from scientific endeavour, nor any forecast of future wealth. It points out no particular line along which scientific endeavour in this country should be directed. The address is given in broad, general terms.

The address is important for our science not solely in the status of His Royal Highness, nor in terms of the content of his address. It gains its great value because at no other time in the history of the development of science in this country has there been as clear a statement of the basic difficulties confronting science and scientists placed before such a wide audience in New Zealand. We recognise that the Throne binds the people of our nation, and ties together the nations of our Commonwealth. His Royal Highness, in giving this address performed this traditional function of Royalty. He brought together in common understanding two parts of our community, the non-scientists and the scientists. He spoke equally to both. Few, hearing His Royal Highness, appreciated this aspect of the address which he gave, but even without recognition of the function which he performed, the address still achieved more of this purpose than any other address has accomplished. During the excitement and pleasures of the Royal visit, a very large part of our community paused and gave close attention to the place, the function and the needs of science and scientists in New Zealand.

The address was no dictatorial pronouncement that the public should, without understanding, accept and support our scientific effort. His Royal Highness spoke to the scientists, and gave them clear warning that a public understanding of the work of scientists is essential of the public is to support and encourage scientific endeavour. It was emphasised that part of the work of the scientist is to inform the public so that there can be understanding of the reasons for expenditures which are made against the public purse.

His Royal Highness laboured no one point in this and other respects but spoke in a manner which accomplished his own advice. The address could be as readily understood by the public who listened over the air as it was appreciated by the scientists seated before him. It was printed in the press throughout the country and could be understood by all who read. His Royal Highness did not unduly laud past achievement, nor shake unripened fruit from the tree of science. In doing this, he left it as our duty that the one is not forgotten, and the other brought to proper fruition.

Seen in this light, the young scientist will begin to appreciate that although His Royal Highness spoke before scientists at a meeting convened by the senior scientific society in this country, the Royal Society of New Zealand, the address was given to the community as a whole. The attention of the public was held for a valuable interval in the consideration of the meaning of scientific endeavour and the needs of scientists



H.R.H. THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH.

not solely in terms of expenditures and cash returns, but also in terms of the intellectual freedoms which are so rarely discussed in relation to science and are so essential to a healthy development of science. Yet the whole address was sound in its advice to scientists and those who are administrators of scientists.

As such, the address was an excellent example of leadership, not leadership just in the field of science; but leadership in the wider and more difficult field of human relationships which is the field of function of our Royalty. It was a contribution to assist the development of science in this country. It was not intended, nor would it be intended to bring about the immediate solution of any one or other difficulty impeding the progress of science here; but it will certainly help to solve such difficulties through the increased measure of public sympathy towards science which can now be the more readily obtained if our scientists will only follow the example given them on this occasion. Let the young scientist read again His Royal Highness's address, knowing that the victories of science are not all won in the laboratory. He will see that His Royal Highness has skillfully prepared the way, for those who can follow.

We would take this opportunity of congratulating Mr. Burton on the very close run he gave the elected candidates. Indeed, he was successful in polling more votes than some candidates who had been past members of the Council.

WHILE the Royal visit does not concern University students as such, to any great degree, there is one aspect which we thought should be of interest, at least to the scientific population, and that was the address given by H.R.H. The Duke of Edinburgh to a representative group of scientists at Wellington. We asked Professor Richardson, of the V.U.C. Zoology Dept. for some comments on it, and its relevance to scientists, and his interesting evaluation of the address appears on this page.

EASTER TOURNAMENT

Easter Tournament will be held this year at Christchurch. The Delegates appointed to Easter Tournament Council are:—Senior: Bernard Galvin. Junior: Barry Boon. The team will be travelling on Thursday, April 15 on a daylight trip.

Although Easter is late this year we must not think that we have ample time in which to complete all the necessary arrangements. Teams will have to be finalised and billeting forms, etc., filled in and in the hands of the Delegates not later than Sunday, March 28. This means that the Summer Sports Clubs at Victoria in the first term will have to arrange their activities with Easter Tournament in mind.

Due to the fact that over the Easter period at Christchurch, there will be two other Tournaments as well as the University Tournament, Canterbury University College is having great difficulty in arranging billets. We would therefore appeal to you that wherever possible, you obtain your own billets. You may think that this is just the usual request but the conditions prevailing in Christchurch this year demand that we take this question more seriously. So wherever possible please find your own billet and let us know as soon as possible.

B. V. GALVIN, Senior Delegate.
B. BOON, Junior Delegate.

UNIVERSITY LECTURER STANDS FOR ELECTIONS

YOU have requested from me an article of my experiences during the Municipal Elections last October with particular reference to such matters as the reception which statements about the Victoria College met with and the amount of interest which was shown by the public in the College.

ONE of the candidates at the last Municipal Elections was Mr. R. C. Burton, LL.M., who stood for the Citizens' Ticket. Mr. Burton is a prominent Wellington lawyer and is also lecturer in Commercial Law at this University. He had occasion during his election campaign to mention Victoria College, so we wrote to him and asked for an account of his election of the type of reception the College met with experiences, and an indication amongst the electors.

During the campaign I strongly advocated that a closer co-operation should be extended by the City Council and the City generally to Victoria College. I deplored the apathy and lack of understanding by the City towards its University College. I stated that in other parts the fact of being a University City was a matter of civic pride somewhat similar to that engendered by a City being a Cathedral City. I emphasised the need of recognition that the City receive an immeasurable benefit from the University College in its midst since its graduates are appointed to Government, civic, professional and commercial positions in the City. I found that the public was not very interested in such advocacy and in fact there seemed to be some suggestion that in so doing, and particularly when it was realised that I was a Lecturer, that I was a Communist,

if not of "red" politics, at least of "pink" politics."

Public opinion is a very strange thing and I know for a fact that my surname being the same as that of another who publicly expounds views entirely different from my own, cost me the votes that might have made the difference between election and non-election. Unfortunately, too, in the last week of the campaign there was a public meeting in the Town Hall premises under the auspices of this Peace Council Movement, at which my namesake was in the chair and amongst the speakers was a Dean from a certain diocese.

Moreover, election depends upon not what you have to say but on how much you can spend in the press and other advertising.

In my opinion the public of Wellington is not interested in Victoria University College and I think the reason is to be found in that the activities and beliefs of a minority of students have received undue press publicity over many years past.

I cannot understand why the City Council should have a representative on the College Council, but from page 18 of this year's Calendar I see that Mr. J. D. McGrath, a graduate of this College, has been appointed for the period ending in 1955. It would be pertinent to ascertain what are the duties of his office and whether he will at all times endeavour to rebut the opinion of the fellow Councillors and the public generally in relation to the value and importance of Victoria College in this city.

I well recall one amusing statement made to me during the Jubilee celebrations when I was seen in the academic procession in the City. Several people subsequently informed me that they had noticed my participation in a Friendly Society procession, no doubt confusing academic dress with the clothing of an Order deriving its ritual from Stonehenge.

Christmas Meditations



By
Ian Rich

Royal Documentaries

THERE is so much talk of New Zealand art and its place and purpose in the community... There is talk (and it is quite often quite sickening talk), about New Zealand poetry, New Zealand novels, New Zealand painting. But is the work of the New Zealand National Film Unit ever closely analysed, reviewed as an important cultural factor in our community?

No, it is not—but perhaps now that we have seen its new reels on the Royal Tour, "Landfall" (and papers like it) may turn its intellectual head, with its graceful cultural cultural forehead, in the direction of Miramar and do us the honour of examining the work of the artists of the Government Studios in Darlington Road. For in their "Royal Tour Specials" our own cameramen, editors and sound directors have revealed themselves as artists in their own right.

In their commentaries ("Bob, I would like fewer words there"), sound track ("Claud, cut out the music and bring up the cheering. Let the crowd speak for itself") or ("Pat, drop the newsreel pace and make your voice quieter. The tour is nearing its end.") and editing ("I like that sudden cut from the children to the plane, but couldn't we make that crowd scene in Palmerston North longer?") the newsreels reached a standard not seen in this country before. Congratulations to N.F.U.

Physical Education

OF interest to students newly arrived at this College is the fact that there is, at the College, a full-time Physical Education officer, Mr. W. ("Bill") H. Landreth, B.A. His quarters are situated on the top floor of the gymnasium, and he conducts various sporting activities, either individually or as a group. Among the activities last year, padderminton, badminton, and "Keep Fit" classes were popular and, apart from that, did a great deal towards giving welcome relaxation after strenuous study. There is a world of truth in the ancient adage, "A healthy body means a healthy mind." The successful student must combine study with relaxation and rest. In the Upper Gym., too, new friends are made. Freshers should make it their business to consult Mr. Landreth at the earliest opportunity, to enrol for classes—even if it is only two or three hours a week, the results will be a greatly refreshed mind and body which, in these days of hectic rush, we are all too wont to forget. Showers are provided for both sexes. Enrol NOW and get the most out of 'varsity life. Adjustment to university life may possibly be made easier by seeking advice in the right quarter and at the right time. "Bill" Landreth is always willing to discuss and help students with problems of health and recreation. A wider range of activities than usual will, it is hoped, be offered this year, and a student health service, already awaiting approval, will greatly help the student to keep reasonably fit and alert. So what about it, folks?

A Complaint

Many of us are complaining about the Majestic Theatre's wide screen. What an insult to the motion picture industry and its members to have a quarter of their frames lost! Are we to miss the full value of the work of the directors like Carol Reed who consider it their jobs to produce screen images that have a pre-arranged composition and structure?

There will be a petition to the manager of the Majestic handed around the college, asking for the old type of screen. All those interested please sign. The long awaited "Julius Caesar" and the musical "The Band Wagon" are arriving soon but I doubt if I'll see them under the present conditions.

V.U.C. Film Society

The V.U.C. Film Society has an exciting year ahead of it. M.G.M. have announced the availability of "The Red Badge of Courage" (and "Macbeth") and J. Arthur Rank has at last made a limited supply of his films available. "Odd Man Out" has been booked which should be of interest to those who saw last year's analysis of this film.

Also, we are trying to arrange showings of foreign films so that our programme will not clash with the Wellington Film Society's.

Freshers wishing to make enquiries about the Society either contact Jim Ritchie, Psychology Department, or Ian Rich, Weir House.

MUSIC . . .

THE CHRISTMAS SEASON

LOOKING back over a somewhat hectic vacation studded with Royal visits, astronomical returns from the Tote, and major blows to our national self-esteem from Fleet Street, your critic has only three concerts of major importance on which briefly to comment—(1) the Schola Cantorum's concert on January 10; (2) the Messiah of January 14; and (3) the first of the Proms group. Of the first of these there is little to say apart from the fact that the Schola remains unchallenged as the best Australasian choirs. The programme was exactly suited to a Sunday night audience of mixed tastes: from the Rubra Credo (from the St. Dominic Mass) to Brother James' Air, all works were given the usual finished and sensitive performance.

Handel's Messiah

Handel's "Immortal Masterpiece", The Messiah, differed little from the usual mammoth performance accorded it at Christmas-time each year, but a welcome improvement in choral diction was evident—the words, oddly enough, are worth hearing—in that such phrases as "the glory of the law" and the "erniquity of usall" were absent. (Listeners will recall similar perversions of the English language that have the sanction of long usage to incorporate them as part of the text.) There was also a general lightening of the tonal texture, despite the size of the choir, which ensured greater clarity: it cannot be necessary for the male members of choirs to use the full power of their lungs all the time—vocal straining and loss of quality are the inevitable results, to say nothing of the performance in toto. This "Messiah" will prove, I hope, to be an indication of better choral singing to come.

The Proms

In Julie Clarke we have a potentially great pianist. Her reading of the Mozart A-major Concerto was mature, sensitive and, despite some lapses of memory, convincing. Her control of staccato should be a model to every aspiring pianist. The only fault I have to find was the heavy underlining of every note in the Siciliano movement—overphrasing is one of the lesser sins, but it can lead to artistic pedantry if not curbed early in one's career. (A case in point is Schweitzer's organ-playing.)

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Delegates Announced

BARRY BOON has been elected Junior Tournament Delegate at Christchurch this Easter. Bernie Galvin is Senior Delegate at the Easter Tournament and is also Tournament Controller for Winter Tournament this year, which will be held in Wellington, August 15-20. We suspect that Barry will be Senior Delegate at Winter Tournament.

Defence Rifles

A few stalwarts of this club have been attending regularly at Trentham and shooting on the Seddon Range over the vacation in preparation for the Easter Tournament. A team was entered in the Wellington Union Shield competition and it gave a reasonable performance under difficult conditions.

Most of the shooting has been application with the use of the sling permitted, except for a Classification shoot which was shot under Service conditions. The results of this Classification shoot were very encouraging, but the application has been very patchy.

The shooting at Tournament is shot under Service conditions, and consists of practices fired at 300, 500 and 600 yards. There are seven men in the team and there should be keen competition for places this year, as most of last year's team are not available.

Freshers are not eligible to shoot at Easter Tournament, but it is hoped to set up on a regular basis this year, what is known as the Baker Trophy Shoot. The shoot takes place against Massey Agricultural College under the same conditions, over the same ranges as at Tournament, except that the team must consist of seven first and second shots in University shooting. It has been arranged to hold this shoot at Massey this year at the same time as the Tournament Selection Shoot two weeks prior to Easter this year.

The club will be shooting every Saturday from the start of the term and those interested are advised to watch the notice-board and to get in touch with the Secretary.



The Brahms Symphony No. 1 in the same programme lacked both sostenuto and staying-power in the first two movements, but the last movement was a joy to hear—the orchestra goes from strength to strength in its reading of the orchestral classics. I hope there will be more opportunities to hear Brahms thus well performed in the coming symphony concert season.

"Spike," 1954

MR. T. (TREV.) HILL, of some fame during past years for his efforts as Editor of "Salient," has accepted the post of Editor of "Spike," 1954. On the occasion of his election to this post, he announced that he was resigning from his previous post as Editor of "Cappicade," 1954, which latter position has fallen by ballot to Mr. Ian Rich, of Weir House, sometime film and drama critic of "Salient." The projected issue of "Spike" in August this year will be the first issue of this former annual magazine since 1949, when publication was suspended indefinitely as an unsound financial proposition. Knowing Trev, as we do, we are confident that the typography will be of a high standard, but as for writers—well there is a lot of talent around the College.

THE ART OF FENCING

University Swords Club

By IAN FREE

THE College Swords Club is an active and influential body in the sporting life of Victoria and each year welcomes beginners to the art of fencing. The Club meets in the Lower Gym. on Wednesday evenings at 7.30 and anyone interested in learning this new, interesting and healthful sport should attend the Annual General Meeting (which will be advertised) or come along on a Club night. While the elementary principles are being learnt a pair of sandshoes is all that is required.

In the beginning, one's fencing career moves slowly—it is necessary, for instance, to learn the names of the parts of the foil, the most important weapon in the armoury and the one which is first taught. Next, the new pupil must learn how to hold the foil, and also how to hold his or her body in the way that generations of fencers have discovered to be the most efficient. It also happens to be the most graceful, and the body-control learnt on the fencing floor can have a definite carry-over into everyday life.

This is not to say that the Swords Club is practically a charm school. The sport of fencing has its basis in the art of swordsmanship, and the combination of assured self-defence and imaginative and well-planned offence can make it one of the most fascinating and rewarding of individual sports. And consider the speed at which all this takes place—so fast, indeed, that it takes five people to referee two fencers. These people (four corner-judges supervised by a President) must be able to describe each movement as it is executed during a bout, and to be a competent corner-judge is part of the duty of every fencer worthy of the name. In this way, and in the repeated analysis of the fencing styles of others, fencers gain confidence and experience which stands them in good stead

when they meet strange fencers from other clubs or Colleges.

Winter Tournament . . .

The climax of the University fencing year comes at Winter Tournament in August, when teams from all Colleges meet for competition. Victoria has done well in this, and has an enviable reputation for sportmanship as well as for efficiency. This year the tournament is in Wellington and as host College we have added responsibilities. We will also have added pleasure, for the N.Z.U. fencing crowd are extraordinarily pleasant people.

The other weapons taught in the Club are the sabre and the epee. Each of these has its peculiar characteristics and will inevitably gain its adherents. Arrangements will be made for classes in these weapons to be held when members have an adequate knowledge of the foil.

The Club has lockers where personal equipment may be left, and for those unable to come on Wednesday there is a smaller and less official group which meets on Saturday morning. All those interested in learning more about the sport are cordially invited to make themselves known on either day. Tim Beaglehole is the Secretary and Ian Free the Treasurer. Tea is served on Wednesday nights. We look forward to seeing you.

TENNIS

MORE so than most sports, tennis can be played either seriously or socially. Our Varsity Club has always catered for those desiring to partake in the former type, with ample opportunity for interclub and keen competition to get into the tournament team. This year has been no exception and although so far we have not been winning as many matches as we might wish, there has been plenty of good tennis played.

Individually some of our players have done particularly well. Over the Christmas tournament period, Boon, O'Neil and Eichelbaum won several titles. Boon was runner up in the Wellington singles (won by John Barry) while both he and O'Neil had the distinction of being chosen for the Wilding Shield Squad. With these three players available for tournament, in the men's section at least, we should acquit ourselves well.

Although probably our club is not open to criticism as far as providing serious tennis, in the past we have been justifiably criticised for neglecting to provide for those wishing to play not such serious tennis. Too often odd people have turned up to tennis on a Saturday or a Sunday afternoon to find a couple of singles going, and have sat round and have not been invited to join in and finally gone home having perhaps one game. An effort is being made this year to see that this does not happen. Some committee members are present on both Saturday and Sunday afternoons when games are arranged and balls and afternoon tea provided, and for those who raise sufficient sweat plenty of hot showers are available. In order to make this a success we



Food News

THIS year the cafeteria is under new management. It will be run by the Hudson Catering Company, who have promised us first-class meals well up to city standard.

As the contract will not be definitely stabilised until the end of the first term, we urge you to patronise the Caf right from the start of term. You can assist the proprietors by bringing back your used dishes to the hatch, and by not damaging the furniture. The Executive hope you will make full use of the Caf facilities and enjoy the meals provided. And remember what the Hon said, who missed the bus to the Coliseum: "Sero venientibus ossa." (There are only bones for the latecomers!)

need plenty of players and we do invite anyone with the slightest interest in tennis to come along for a game on these club afternoons.

The club suffered a sad loss by the death, in the Tangiwal disaster, of Trevor Bacon. Trevor had been a strong member of the club and had served on the committee, as well as representing us at Tournament. A wreath was sent by the club to the funeral and it is proposed that the new Singles Championship Cup should be called the Trevor Bacon Memorial Cup.

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UNIVERSITY OF N.Z.

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Bowen Street, but the bulk of the money has to be found each year from the current favourable balance on fee income from Accountancy, Medical and Entrance examinations. The actual sources and amounts of money used to pay for Scholarships are as follows:

Interest on Investments	£3,312
Rental revenue on building	2,359
Statutory charge from general fee revenue	3,000
Charge to General Account income for Research Scholarships	3,200
Deficit of Scholarship Account made up from General Fee Income Account	5,744
	£17,615

You will see then that of the total amount paid in Scholarships, no less than £11,944 had to be found from current fee income to pay the Scholars during that year, and it is the same every year now. It is true that the whole Scholarship system has been built up on fees without consulting the people who had to pay them, but I doubt if you would criticise the system as unwise or shortsighted. It has been of inestimable benefit both inside the Colleges and for overseas travel to a large number of gifted New Zealanders since the

system was established away back in 1872.

If we assume that the cost of travel for Senate, Academic Board, Grants Committee, Entrance Board and other committee meetings are met by the Government grant, then the whole cost of running the office, conducting examinations and giving degrees would be paid for from fee income, but the whole surplus is taken up in paying for Scholarships.

As a further service, the University meets all the costs of travel to interviews and administration of Rhodes Scholarships and for other similar Scholarships and it plays a significant part in the selection of Fulbright, Rockefeller, Carnegie, Commonwealth Fund and Nuffield grantees, Shell and other Scholarships and, of course, engages in a multitude of those minor activities which are most efficiently handled centrally. Examples of such services are War Concessions to veterans, consideration of applicants for ad eundem status, and so on.

Next issue Dr. Currie speaks of the Financial and Academic activities of the University of New Zealand.

MARRIAGE

Mr. Stuart Johnson, former President of the Catholic Students' Guild, was married recently to Sylvia Beasley. We wish them every happiness in the future.

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