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EXECUTIVE ELECTIONS

Once More to the Fray . . .

VOTING for your representatives on the Executive of the Students' Association takes place next Friday, 18, Monday, 21, and Tuesday, 22. Results of polling will be announced at the Annual General Meeting to be held in the Upper Gym on Wednesday, 23 at 8 p.m. These elections are the most important part of the Association's year; the persons elected have the responsibility of running the affairs of the Association on behalf of the 2,300 members for the next twelve months.

It is good to observe that last year some 700 members cast their votes and thereby showed an interest in the Association. For many this was the only occasion in the year in which they actively participated in student affairs; but the 700 were one in three of the total student body, and proportionately the number of pollers against the number of persons eligible to vote was higher than it has been for many years.

Executive office is not something which should be sought simply for the honour of it; rather it is something which should be looked for only when a student feels that he is sufficiently capable and experienced to shoulder the responsibilities which will be placed upon his shoulders. The executive each year administers some five thousand pounds and largely shapes the policy of the Association.

It is necessary that at least some of the members of the executive have had previous experience. Several of the retiring executive are standing for re-election; some deserve to be re-elected, others do not. The student body should be well-informed on what has been done by the retiring executive, and should bear in mind matters which deserve attention. It has been remarked to the writer that students are not interested in what the executive does and that they are not interested in N.Z.U.S.A.'s policy on international student levels . . . this may be true—but it does not follow that students should not be aware of their duty to participate in these affairs.

Apathy?

Members of the executive have necessarily a specialised knowledge of matters which need not concern the individual student. The writer also regrets that not one member of the Association, apart from himself and the editor of "Salient," have exercised their privilege to attend executive meetings during the last year. True, much of the discussion centres around routine and possibly boring subjects—but there have been several important meetings at which no student was present. The fault does not lie in lack of publicity—the minutes of each meeting are posted on the main notice-board after each meeting and must remain up for at least seven days. Thus students are not well-informed upon the activities of the executive. They have to rely upon the medium of "Salient" for their information—admittedly it is much easier that way.

Achievements

Important to the Association is its representative on the College Council. He is a person appointed directly by the executive and is responsible directly to them. On the adminis-

trative side, too, there is a lot of hard work to be done on the executive—the secretary is required to devote some 25 hours per week to his office—and often new members' bright ideas do not look quite so bright when considered in the cold light of economics.

The Association has been fortunate in having one gentleman in particular on the executive this year. This individual has been a leading star in almost everything connected with student affairs. Approachable, unassuming, ready with sound advice,—a veritable power-house of enthusiasm, yet not sufficiently appreciated because he has never brought it to the fore for his own account. These things are acknowledged in their own way. To Malcolm McCaw we tender our own grateful thanks.

Among the women, we notice a lamentable lack of action in most fields excepting the domestic. And the conduct of certain of these at recent executive meetings has been unusual, to say the least. The chairman has done his best to control them—doubtless hoping that common sense would overtake them—alas, in vain. Perhaps they are not to be blamed.

The student body is to be blamed for their mistaken choice of representatives. The fact that male members vote for female members on the basis of their photographs is superficially humorous, but in reality is a perversion of the right to vote. It must be remembered at all times that student self-government is too precious a thing not to have. The number of suggestions which can only in all fairness be called hare-brained, put forward at the executive meetings is amazing. The amount of time wasted at meetings, too, is a matter which deserves some thought. Of course all of this hinges upon the type of person who is elected, and that person's motive in standing for election. Readers will be mature enough to bear this in mind when voting.

The executive however, as a whole, has done many things of benefit to students this season. The continuation of the stationery scheme and student employment schemes inaugurated by the previous executive, the scheme for providing text-books at reduced prices, are but three.

We have not dwelt at length upon the activities of the executive during the year. They are adequately covered in the annual report which is now available for inspection.

In conclusion we would give a warning. "Salient" has purposely refrained from vociferously criticising the executive during the last year. This will not now be the case. From now on, we will endeavour to be just, but will criticise where there is reason to.

Things to Do

Those standing for the executive should bear in mind the following matters which will require their attention before June, 1955: action on publicising the case for increased bursaries; action on the matter of student health schemes for this college (shortly to be discussed by the College Council); organisation of Winter Tournament, which will be held this year in Wellington; careful revision of the text-book scheme; control of social functions at the college; knowledge regarding the Student Union building sub-committee of the College Council; matters connected with the publication of "Spike" and the "Salient Literary Issue"; action regarding a Student Orientation Handbook to replace the present S.C.M. handbook; action to provide a bigger and better Orientation Week for freshers; improvement in relations with the public of Wellington, and a policy on next year's procession; the organisation of next year's Capping week activities—to mention but the more pressing items. It means a lot of work for each member of the executive. If you are willing to do your share, good luck to you.

"If you are thinking of standing for exec. you should first consider some of the things you will be expected to do, and the matters upon which you will be expected to have an opinion. Those of you who will only be voting should give careful consideration to your choice before you mark your voting paper. "It is important."

MR. KEVIN O'BRIEN, M.Com., B.A., has been nominated for a life membership of the Association by Messrs. B. V. Galvin, T. H. Beaglehole and B. C. Shaw. The nomination will be voted upon at the annual general meeting on the 23rd.

Mr. O'Brien is currently manager of the New Zealand Players Company and a part-time lecturer in Economics.

NEXT ISSUE—

ON SALE — JULY 1

Debating Society . . .

LETTER TO BE SENT TO SENATOR McCARTHY

AT the last meeting of the V.U.C. Debating Society the subject for debate was "That a letter should be sent to Senator McCarthy disapproving of his political actions." Both members of each team were new speakers, the most promising of whom was J. A. Doogue. The debate was judged by Mr. F. L. Curtin, B.A., L.L.B., a prominent member of the society in past years.

The motion was carried by 22 votes to 11. At the conclusion of the debate, your editor moved that the letter be actually sent and the committee report back at the next meeting that the letter has actually been sent.

The next meeting of the society is scheduled for June 11, and we await with interest the committee's report.

AUSSIES GET PECK FROM BECK

AT the Rugby Club dance in the Gym on Saturday, May 29, our Exec. beauties initiated the Aussies into the mystical rites—or wrongs—of a corroboree (New Zealand style). Although "Salient" cannot disclose the full story of such a sacred ritual, we can say that painted foreheads featured largely in their consecration as V.U.C. Blues. The freedom of the Press also permits us to disclose that the anointing with lipstick was carried out in the most efficient and pleasant manner by the Women's Vice-President. It was to be noted that most of the Aussies needed no second "Beck'on and certainly no one managed to avoid her call.

This, coupled with the other "pleasures" provided by the Rugby Club's hospitality, no doubt prompted the visitors' much-voiced opinion that the evening's entertainment was "a really grand show."

SPECIAL ELECTION ISSUE

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Salient

EDITORIAL

THROUGHOUT the academic year a certain group of ladies and gentlemen meet and discuss the various aspects related to the spending of some five thousand pounds, which amount represents the total sum paid by students in Stud. Ass. fees. That group of ladies and gentlemen is known as the Executive.

Naturally, the main activity at Exec meetings is talking. Not all of it is constructive, but in between the sarcasm and the complaints, the meanderings and the side issues, the facetiousness and the pomposity, the Executive manages the expenditure of the students' money in a way which is in the main prudent although we would hesitate to say that this is always the case. Fortunately, the Executive has this year wasted little time in the discussion of "matters of principle" with the result that it has been able to give its attention to the problems which beset any normal, if somewhat ramshackle, business organisation. Most of the mistakes have been due to either ignorance or inexperience, but as these mistakes have not been serious, with the possible exception of the Cappicade advertising incident, we do not feel impelled to consider them at length.

With the approach of Exec Elections, students should begin to consider the type of person with whom they wish to entrust the spending of their Stud. Ass. fees. A knowledge of the background of present college affairs is essential, as is some experience in club activities and the problems relating thereto. The most important attribute is, of course, commonsense.

So we leave the matter in the hands of you, the students, with this one exhortation—use your vote and use it wisely.

—D.D.

To the Editor

"Salient,"

DEAR SIR,—Most of the other University colleges in New Zealand have some system of lockers installed for the benefit of their male students and we feel that it is time that lockers were installed in the Men's Common Room at Victoria. In our opinion the time is ripe for the V.U.C.S.A. to invest in (say) 75 lockers, install them and then hire them out at a key-charge of (say) 5/- per year.

Such a system is, we know, already in operation in the Women's Cloak Room and we therefore hope this suggestion in view of the forthcoming elections to receive some consideration from the Exec.

E. A. WOODFIELD,
R. E. RUBEN.

We regret that owing to pressure of space in this election issue, letters by "Cynthia", "D. Scott", and "Law IV" have been held over till the next issue.

CATHOLIC STUDENTS GUILD

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at Raumati

JUNE 12th and 13th

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VALEDICTORY

The Editor,
Salient,

DEAR SIR,—I feel that some tribute should be paid to Mr. Hardy, and for that reason I send you the accompanying lines. I know they are inadequate, but at least they are well intentioned.

MR. HARDY IN MEMORIAM

His sun, which lately through the city sky
Held his great course like a triumphal march
In noonday glory, while the burnished sky
Arched like a royal trapping o'er his head,
Too soon is set; alas! not in due time
When regal pace withdrew him from men's sight,
But on a sudden, by an alien cloud
Blown from the wrack on yon Victorian height,
Hidden from view—and in a brief despair
His great light snuffed with suicidal hand.
No more the proud streets echo that great name.
The stately trams, which only yesterday
Like the proud coursers of a Tamburlaine
Pawed their steel way 'till Hardy bade them gone,
Now prance no more, but with pedestrian gait
Straggle like chargers when their knight unhorsed,
No longer guides them with a master's hand.
Comes he no more? Is that voice really still?
O citizens! Weep for that fatal day
When thy grave fathers with dissenting voice
Gave this proud city to the rabble throng,
And mockery put on the robes of state,
And wit usurped grave wisdom's honoured place.
Were they not dumb this cities' stones would weep,
And earthquakes shake the reeling firmament,
At least a thousand pot-holes would give tongue,
And mourn him foot by foot of tortured street.

—WILLIAM.

VALEDICTORY

"SALIENT" takes this opportunity of expressing our sincere thanks to MR. P. M. McCAW, M.Com., retiring president of the Students' Association, for his selfless and untiring efforts to promote general student welfare. His example certainly gave heart to many students, and as he leaves his associations with the college temporarily to take up his scholarship in Europe, we wish him "bon voyage" and good luck for the future.

Caf News

THE improvement on conditions in the cafeteria has been favourably commented on. Unfortunately the efforts of the management to provide better service are not helped by the actions of a few students.

Judging from the amount of dirty dishes, papers and rubbish left on the tables, the caterers would be quite justified in wondering how many students are able to read. Tablecloths are not for scribbling on and while it may be funny to mix the sugar and salt, it is both expensive and a rather juvenile means of self-expression.

This admittedly does not apply to very many students. Does it apply to you?

Debating Team to Australia

The N.Z.U.S.A. has accepted the offer of N.U.A.U.S. to send a debating team to Australia during the August vacation. There will be two members of the team. The constituent colleges will hold a debating competition in Wellington in June and the two best debaters will go to Australia. This competition will take the form of the annual Joynr Scroll contest, normally held with the N.Z.U. Winter Tournament in August. The draw for this year's competition has been announced by Resident Executive and is as follows:—

Debate One: M.A.C. affirm. vs. A.U.C. negative.

Debate Two: C.U.C. affirm. vs. O.U. negative.

Debate Three: C.A.C. affirm. vs. V.U.C. negative.

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"Salient" would like to extend, on behalf of its several hundred readers and contributors, its sincere appreciation of the work done by the immediate past president of N.Z.U.S.A., Mr. M. J. O'Brien, LL.B., whose participation in the realm of international student affairs especially has done an immeasurable amount to raise the status and integrity of N.Z.U.S.A. not only in this country but overseas as well. As vice-president this year, may he continue to serve the student body as efficiently and as unselfishly as in the past.

Our attention has been drawn to the fact that the Otago University Capping Mag. was censored this year—by a panel of business men. The following comments appear in the latest issue of "Critic," the O.U. weekly: ". . . Everyone will agree no doubt that Capping Book needs some censorship control, but why set the business men of the city up as guardians of the public morals? Why should not the representatives of the trade unions also have a say in the matter? Surely the censoring and control of Capping Book is a job for a committee constituted of representatives of the University authorities and of the Students' Association. Why all this sop to the extra-Puritannical element among the . . . public?"

Weir dances have a pleasant quality and atmosphere that are all their own, and our last was no exception. The quintet came in with a conga singing "She'll Be Comin' Round the Mountain" and their smooth harmony once again delighted the House and their guests. Members of the Social Committee could occasionally be seen fitting to and fro making sure that arrangements were going to plan, while Ross Gilbertson was a most successful M.C., mixing up novelties and dances in a well thought out programme, at the same time indulging in some private propaganda soliciting for an inexpensive flat near 'Varsity.

EXEC. ELECTIONS

NOMINATIONS CLOSE SATURDAY NOON

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—B. C. SHAW,

Headquarters Controller, Winter Tournament.

FILMS by Ian Rich

MOULIN ROUGE

JOHN HUSTON claims in the preface to his film that Toulouse-Lautrec and his beloved city shall live again. This, for any director, is a big boast to make; and it must be admitted that Huston only half-succeeds. Toulouse-Lautrec's beloved city—with its dark alleys, Montmartre cabarets and its River Seine—does for two brief hours come to life; but Toulouse-Lautrec himself (as played by Jose Ferrer) and the main characters in his story definitely do not.

The film's first quarter-hour in the Moulin Rouge is brilliant. Through the haze of smoke we see the lively dance of the can-can, the cognac fighting of the "premier danseurs," the pulsating Parisian crowd mad for escape and excitement. We see come to life what we have seen before in Toulouse-Lautrec's paintings—the oddly-shaped noses, the black top hats, the green-tinted flesh. The technicolor camera gives us the soulless vitality of the garish and nocturnal scene, recreating brilliantly the colour and outline of Toulouse-Lautrec's paintings.

For recapturing the character and atmosphere in photography of a painter's work, Huston and his technicians deserve top honours. Never has technicolor been more imaginatively used. Huston, the technician, is supreme. But where is Huston the dramatist (he helped write the script), the story teller? Where is the vital art of the biographer? It is there, perhaps, but only very little of it. Never has there been so much technical virtuosity signifying nothing. There are many long fade-outs but not as many climaxes to justify them. The film plods along with too many chances of exciting cinema missed. There are some brilliant incidental shots—a drunken woman on the steps of a church, prostitutes peering out of windows—but these only tend to emphasise the drabness and emptiness of the main theme. The director gives us many held close-ups of faces that say absolutely nothing, a suicide scene dull in its exaggerated under-statement. Huston, I am afraid, has lost his grip. He emerges no better than his disjointed script which is untrue to life and puzzling in some of its unimaginative changes of emphasis. Curiously enough, Huston's old style

Exchange by 'Plane . . .

Resident executive is to investigate the possibility of chartering an aeroplane for exchange of students between here and Australia over the long vacation. The exchange system, whereby students cross the Tasman every Christmas and take jobs found for them by the local students' organisations, is now quite popular. The meeting unanimously approved the new idea. The N.U.A.U.S. observer, Mr. Ian Nicholson, reported that Australia was very keen on the scheme and that the chances of employment for students going to Australia were good, and getting better. If the plan could be worked, the cost to each student would be around £35 return air fare to Australia and back, some £14 less than the cheapest boat fare. It was further suggested by Mr. Nicholson that if enough students participated a joint congress could be held on one side of the Tasman before the aircraft returned. Ideas could then be freely exchanged.

Textbooks . . .

Resident Exec. of N.Z.U.S.A. is to investigate the possibility of a standardised scheme for supplying textbooks throughout New Zealand to the constituent colleges. A local scheme is operating at C.U.C.; V.U.C. had operated an experimental scheme at the beginning of this year.—N.Z.U.S.N.A.

as a director was not unlike Toulouse-Lautrec's as a painter. But, alas, in his hour of need Huston's conciseness, terseness and deft strokes of characterisation desert him.

The Actors

He is not well served by his actors. Jose Ferrer gives us a tired, uncomplicated Toulouse-Lautrec, monotonous in his voice, and slow and comparatively unruffled in temperament. Gone is the painter's fierce appetite for work and life, his mad enthusiasm to capture in canvas the fascinating low-life of Montmartre. The Toulouse-Lautrec of the film has no bubbling high spirits, no popularity that the original's facetious talk gave him. (Where is the artistic temperament, the high-pitched life with his fellow artists?) We are shown bitterness in his love life but never very clearly why it was there. . . . Often any resemblance between the script and Jose Ferrer's performance is purely coincidental. "Why do I get so mad?" "Curiosity is my cardinal weakness," says Toulouse-Lautrec. "That's interesting," says Jose Ferrer and passively, with a dignified reserve, throws the lines to the audience.

Ferrer and Huston cut each other's throats. An occasional director's device is weakened by Ferrer's performance, while Ferrer's performance in moments when it may begin to bloom, is frustrated by the director's lack of understanding. Collette Marchand as Marie and Zsa Zsa Gabor as Jane Avril, however, cut their own throats. Their performances stand brilliantly in their own right as amateurish. The actress who played Miriam appealed to me, as did some of the supporting players. Or was it the brilliance and the imagination of the photography that covered their lack of the same qualities?

Henri de Toulouse-Lautrec and John Huston — romantic-realists. Huston the romantic-realist director of photography succeeds; Huston the romantic-realist director of character and incident gives us unimaginative romanticism - realism and fails. Huston is (I hope only temporarily) my fallen idol.

Vic B Jottings

LIFE at Vic B is proceeding smoothly, mainly due to the absence of most of the girls for the vacation. Of course, as is to be expected we have our slight ups and downs, but we would never dream of complaining.

We would like to congratulate Rosemary Lovegrove on her share in Extrav. and we are sorry that more of us could not take part.

In closing we wonder if any of the readers could answer the following questions for us:

- (1) How much does it cost to have one house painted?
- (2) Why are Varsity club meetings always held on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays?
- (3) How many (self-respecting) dances finish at 12 o'clock?
- (4) If one girl eats one plate of porridge for a week how many pounds does that girl gain?

From the Olympian Heights . . .

WEIR HERE AGAIN

THIS 21st YEAR OF OURS is showing such a remarkable development of House activity it may well be that 1954 will go down in the records as the year of our cultural renaissance. "Away! away! for I will fly to thee, Not charioted by Bacchus and his pards, but on the viewless wings of poesy," Mr. Keats informs us and we must confess that even if his example is not followed to the letter it certainly is in spirit. Read on for further enlightenment.

Round the Galleries: In conformity with this rebirth of House culture we have founded our Art Gallery. Not that Weir has lacked artistic appreciation in the past—we have a most discriminating taste in calendars—but nothing on the scale of the present venture has been previously attempted. Here are a few comments by our Art Critic . . .

"Apart from an example of neolithic poster work, crude though possessing a certain historical interest, the outstanding work of the exhibition is a self-portrait by Paul Cezanne. That is, according to the description on the library card at the back—it is really, however, as Housemen have been quick to point out, Mr. William Weir with a bowler hat. . . . Anna Zinkeisen's enchanting ballet scene has now been moved from its hanging under the Kelburn Keg. . . . As a footnote we must mention that the rumour that Mr. Rich is sponsoring a move to obtain one of Henri Toulouse-Lautrec's later works is totally unfounded.

Is Malan a Marvel, Machiavel or Murderer? This was the question asked by a poster advertising the first of this year's discussion evenings, a talk on the South African racial problem by Dr. W. B. Sutch, until recently in charge of New Zealand's delegation to Unesco. It was a stimulating address but not a pleasant one. As the speaker told us of the appalling treatment of the native by a white minority, we wondered what atrocities civilised man is not incapable of. An economist himself, Dr. Sutch gave us an insight into the exploitation of South Africa's wealth and people by huge commercial interests—an exploitation which has led to the horrifying dilemma which is South Africa today. "What is Malan—a murderer?" we asked our speaker. "No," replied Dr. Sutch, "He is merely a Boer—a little madder than the rest, that's all."

Winter Tournament SPORTS REPS.

AT the last Executive meeting the following sportsmen and sports-women were appointed as representatives of their sports on the Winter Tournament Sports Committee:

- Men's hockey: P. A. Taylor.
- Women's hockey: Miss M. Bertram.
- Men's indoor basketball: R. Nelson.
- Women's indoor basketball: Miss H. Blick.
- Golf: B. R. Boon.
- Table tennis: A. D. Robinson.
- Hurriers: A. C. Gow.
- Shooting: W. Hes.
- Badminton: R. C. Schroder.
- Fencing: A. T. Ellis.
- Soccer: B. K. Reddy.
- Drama: I. Rich.

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Just in Passing . . . We understand that Housemen are feverishly engaged in writing for the Weir Magazine. Guy Powles and his committee are using every method from diplomacy to intimidation to make this year's mag. a really first class affair. . . . After a temporary lapse from grace, the Weir football team continues with their weekly celebrations. . . . The last House Dance was so successful that we're not going to advertise this one. . . .

Weir 21st Celebrations: A committee of past and present residents, with the blessing of the Weir House Association, is busy on the preliminary organisation of the coming-of-age festivities, to be held on the first weekend in July. Much more of this next issue.

CHORIC STANZAS

REMEMBER, no men are strange, no country is foreign. Beneath all uniforms, a single body breathes Like ours; the land our brothers walk upon Is earth like this, in which we all shall lie.

They, too, aware of sun and air and water, Are fed by peaceful harvests, by wars long winter starved. Their hands are ours, and in their lines we read A labour not different from our own.

Remember they have eyes like ours that wake Or sleep, and strength that can be won By love. In every land is common life That all can recognise, and understand.

Let us remember, whenever we are told To hate our brothers, it is ourselves That we shall dispossess, betray, condemn. Remember, we who take arms against each other, It is the human earth that we defile, Our hells of fire and dust outrage the innocence Of air that is everywhere our own. Remember, no men are foreign, and no country strange.

JAMES KIRKUP
(English "Listener," Nov., 1953.)

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AUSSIES WELL BEATEN

THERE have been two games since we last went to press; one excellent game between VUC and AU and one very poor game, the Test. The Wednesday game was a bright display of open Rugby. Both teams determined to give the ball plenty of air, and the crowd was on its feet on more than one occasion.

JARDEN was the star of the day and his brilliant try under the posts showed the All Black winger at his best. The Australian half-back O'BRIEN made some very nippy breaks around the scrum and his service from the base of the scrum was the keystone of a dazzling back-line display with BOB JAMES always looking for an opening. PHELPS, the Aussie full-back, was the best seen on the Park for a long time.

Our own boys also rose to the occasion and several slicing runs by Kawharu and Fitzgerald kept Varsity in an attacking position. W. Clark played a grand game, scoring a try after charging down a clearing kick. The game was a pleasure to watch and people expected something even better in the Test.

Test Disappointing

But, what a difference! N.Z.U. should never have been within twenty points of the Aussies. Each time the referees exhaled it was

CAN THE SKI CLUB BUILD A HUT ON RUAPEHU?

IS it practical? Can they pay for it?

These are the questions being asked about the college, and in skiing circles, at the present time.

In May last year the ski club launched its first major campaign, namely to raise sufficient capital with which to build a hut on Ruapehu. In less than twelve months £160 has been raised in donations and a further £60 promised, not to mention offers of labour and technical advice.

Although the ski club would be the prime user, other clubs, both sporting and cultural, would benefit. Hence it is suggested the hut be a "Victoria University College Hut." £1000 is the estimated cost but if £660 capital is on hand by next summer a start in construction could be made.

Unless a start is made soon, the

club will find itself unable to run any trips due to lack of accommodation. This state of affairs already exists to some extent, and will be accentuated with the building of the new chair lift on Ruapehu.

Tentative plans are at present being drawn up and the necessary requirements for the hut are listed below. The structure is rectangular in shape to reduce complications in building and in cost. The interior is divided into two parts, a living room and a covered way comprising drying room, equipment room and washrooms. The living room, 18ft. by 32ft., has four sets of double bunks three feet high, and a long seat under the window with accommodation for three. The total sleeping accommodation would be twenty-seven. Windows in the north and west sides will provide ample sunshine.

It is felt that communal eating and sleeping is preferable to separate bunk rooms, for a common room is warmer and more sociable, especially when the occupants have the same

interests and are of the same age as university students generally are. The covered way, 10ft. by 32ft., is divided into two washrooms at the south end each with approximately fifteen lockers for personal gear such as clothes, etc. At the north end provision is made for a drying room with hot water system. By making the back of the stove part of the wall, little heat will be lost up the chimney. The passage leading from the door to the equipment room will have a floor of spaced battens to allow snow to be kicked off boots, and on either side will be ski racks.

The equipment room will have a work bench and numerous cupboards and above will be a loft for the storage of packs and surplus gear. Under these conditions a skier can wash and change without entering the main living room, which thus remains warm and dry.

Two water tanks on the outside on the sunny side will provide sufficient water for normal needs.

Numerous partitions, cupboards and so on may be left out for a while, but it is essential to have the living room complete and the main shell of the covered way complete. Washrooms, lockers, drying room and workbench, etc., can come later.

Six hundred and sixty pounds would build this shell giving complete protection from the weather.

In order to arouse interest in the hut campaign a news bulletin is published periodically giving progress reports, coming events, etc.

Any person who desires to help and all those who would like to have bulletins posted to them should contact the ski club via the letter rack.

Remember, we want the hut built in our time. Not in the next generation.

Soccer . . . VARSITY STILL UNBEATEN

LOCAL NEWS

MEANWHILE our own team are co-leaders in the competition again. A scratchy win against St. Pats when a lot of the seniors were playing for N.Z.U., and a thumping win against Hutt have put the first fifteen right back in the running. They have played the really tough teams in the first round and can look forward to some relatively easy games.

THE JUNIORS

The Junior Firsts had their first loss of the season on Saturday. They have a formidable line-up of players who give creditable performances when called upon to play for the Seniors. From reports this team plays very attractive football, and an afternoon spent watching them would be well worth while.

SOCCER

Varsity is still unbeaten in the Soccer and are co-leaders in the competition. For their second year in

Senior A and playing for the first time on the Basin, they gave a more than competent display. There are not many Varsity boys in the team, but Alan Preston, a Wellington rep., Joe Phillips and Bal Reddy are often mentioned favourably by the local Press.

Although the team may have been a trifle lucky in one or two of their draws, the fact remains that they have yet to be beaten and lead the competition after having played all teams in the first round.

—SPORTS EDITOR.

Harriers . . .

Masterton Relay

THE Harrier Club has a strong team and is looking forward to the Masterton relay on Saturday. Most of the team ran last year, when we were second to Lyndale who broke the record, and they are all fit. The team should fill a place and with luck could bring home the winning trophy.

The team in order of running is: Colin Candy—Wellington P.O. to Petone.

Peter Joyce—Petone to Taita.

John Mahan—Taita to Upper Hutt.

Bob Croker—Upper Hutt to Te Marua.

John Hunt—Te Marua to Kaitoke.

Tim Beaglehole—Kaitoke to the Summit.

Tony Gow—the Summit to Featherston.

Dick Gilbert—Featherston to Greytown.

Mike Truebridge—Greytown to Clareville.

Graeme Stevens—Clareville to Masterton.

SOCIALIST CLUB June Programme

FRIDAY, JUNE 11—Address by Mr. Bertram, Lecturer in English, on "Czechoslovakia and Spain", Room A1, 12.15 p.m.

FRIDAY, JUNE 25—Three films:

- "The Glorious Sea"—a Soviet travel film in colour.
- "The Work of Professor Hrozný"—Czech. philologist, specialist in ancient Middle East Languages.
- "The Battle for Russia"—an American documentary, with a commentary by Edward G. Robinson. Room C1, at 3 p.m.

A debate will be held this month between The Socialist Club and the Wellington Central Branch of the Labour Party—Further details later

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