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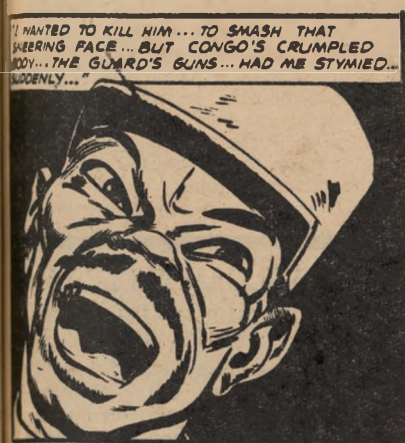
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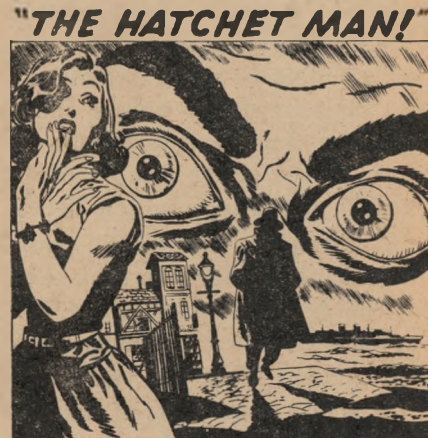
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Dr. Wertham's "Seduction of the Innocent", is a terrifying book. Grouped together in the middle are sixteen pages of illustrations taken from American children's comics. They include a front page showing with every realistic nuance an un-American type choking in a noose. Others include a motor-car dragging two living people to their death. A gloating face above rejoices in the fact that no one will be able to identify "the meat" after the faces are "erased."

In other pictures a woman is having her eye put out with a needle; a man having his face crashed in with a nailed boot; girls are about to be raped. One blonde girl points delightedly to the hanging bodies of heroes. A page is devoted to a chart showing how a man can best be killed by having his eyes gouged out, his temple or stomach kicked, his throat cut, his nose smashed with suitable blows and, indeed, how every vulnerable spot, except one, can be effectively attacked. This male figure wears trunks and a child is not instructed to kick him in the groin.



Sadism for Kids



Such illustrations are apparently not exceptional in the majority of the 90,000,000 comics now sold every month to American children. Most of them are read by children, though many young soldiers, like thousands of children, read them elsewhere. Nor is this astonishing feast of entertainment only enjoyed by American children. Almost all these American comics are now on sale in England. The most of American comics is not allowed in this country, but English publishers of the matricules from America, and the most horrific and sadistic types can now be obtained in the side streets of London and other English towns.

Respectable distributors have rules forbidding their sale, but, in practice, the dangers of bookstalls frequently keep them conveniently under the counter. The difference between the United States and Britain is that here the "traditional" line of comics (which include such decent illustrations as "The Eagle" and "Girl"), is still the great majority, while in America "good" comics are now a small minority.

Dr. Wertham's experience in this field is clearly unrivalled. He has long fought the huge vested interest (which includes the paper pulp companies) in the sale of comics. His chief difficulty has been to convince enough parents and public representatives that comics are responsible for much of the cult of violence which decent American parents to find horrifying. He provides ample evidence in this book.

Young children charged with crimes that were almost unknown to juvenile courts in the past, are found with libraries of 40 or 50 comics. Many children spend all their spare time in a condition of terrified excitement, brood-

ing over some particular comic that appeals to passions usually reprobated in adults and certainly uncharacteristic of childhood. There are numerous examples of children tortured, hanged, killed or stabbed in direct imitation of events in comics.

Is anyone really impressed by this comparison of Mother Goose and Henty with pictures of girls being tied up with ropes and tortured and of men being shot in the stomach—so that "they will have longer to enjoy it," as one comic says?

In response to public protest crime comics are now headed "Crime does not pay": they end with the gangster being electrocuted or dying some other violent death. Dr. Wertham points out that the cops are represented just as sadistically as the hoodlums, and that twenty pages glorifying violence are not wiped out by one last picture in which the hoodlum comes to a bloody end. The effect of this hypocrisy is not to teach them that violence and crime are cowardly and anti-social, but that the boy who gets caught is not sufficiently smart.

Dr. Wertham is particularly convincing on the subject of Superman, supported with ghastly logic by Superboy and Wonder Woman. His illustrations prove only too terribly that a Nazi ideology is being continuously and deliberately inculcated. It is correct to inflict any kind of violence and torture on Negroes, Chinese, "ape men," Jews, Indians, Japs, Slavs and Wops. All these are regularly shown in the comic as having "irregular features, swarthy skins, physical deformities" while Superman is tall, blonde, regular-featured and has at his side a young blonde girl with super-breasts (usually known as "headlights").

Americans who want to stop this vast perversion are defeated by two groups of opponents whose self-delusions and hypocrisies fill a large proportion of Dr. Wertham's book. In the first place, the comic publishing industry is immensely rich, well organised and entirely unscrupulous. Pseudo psychological experts daily repeat that no evidence exists that comics do children harm. In thus contradicting the evidence they rely mainly on such plausible arguments as that healthy children have always read about violence from nursery tales to "westerns"; that it fits a certain stage of their lives and that they grow up to be interested in other things, while those who are morbidly affected by reading of violence are in any case mentally unstable and pre-conditioned to acts of violence.

stantly assert, that the comics have no effect on the children, but merely fulfil their instinctive life, is exactly like saying that there is no harm in feeding your children on poison because they get to like it and therefore show that they instinctively need it.

Dr. Wertham is exactly right when he says, with the evidence of hundreds of unhappy neurotic children behind him, that the effect of the comic is not to remove aggressive tendencies in children, but to remove their inhibitions.

One of the least honest arguments used for these comics is that they lead on to interest in more serious literature. By way of proof it is adduced that sometimes the world's great classics are used by the comics. "King Lear," for instance,

The answer, if one is necessary, is briefly that small boys do pass through a "cops and robbers", catapaults and adventure stories stage, but that there is no evidence whatever that they have any instinctive urge to translate into fact sadistic fantasies about girls. Moreover, in a normal society, parents and teachers offer them, as they grow into adolescence, alternative interests in place of the purely playtime world of fairy stories and big-game shooting. What should remain from an aggressive schoolboy phase is the duty to be brave in face of danger and to protect those who are less strong than themselves. Adventure is not incompatible with a decent code of behaviour.

This article is written by B. Kingsley Martin, the Editor of "The New Statesman and Nation." It is a review of a book entitled "Seduction of the Innocent," by an American, Dr. B. Wertham, which has recently appeared in New Zealand bookshops. The review shows vividly the depraved nature of many of our so-called comics, and although comics on the New Zealand market generally do not reach such extremes, few people will deny that the tendency is often very marked.

Many American parents, quoted by Dr. Wertham, understand this. They find themselves helplessly struggling in an atmosphere created by the comics, and spilling over into television and films. When every child at school is fed with murder and rape how can your own child's mind be free from horrors and false sense of values? To say, as these experts (usually in the pay of the comics industry) con-

can be made into a comic book, it seems, only if it contains a realistic picture of Gloucester having his eyes gouged out. (Injury to the eyes is part of the current formula of the comics.) Nothing of Shakespeare is left.

The evidence is that there is a steady deterioration in the reading capacity of American children and a high proportion of American adults who are now illiterate, if illiteracy means being unable to read anything more subtle than the words in the balloons of comics. In a terribly memorable phrase, Dr. Wertham quotes an American publisher who says that "we are re-tooling for illiteracy."

I come now to the second of the great forces against which Dr. Wertham has been struggling. It is the force of public apathy, encouraged by many sincere and doctrinaire American liberals. I talked the other day with one of the most respected and highly loved of these wrong-headed friends of the comic publishers. He said that censorship was always evil. I agreed with him that official censorship of adult literature is usually silly, or worse. He thought that parents would look after their children's welfare and that legislation about comics would do nothing but harm. He maintained the illusion that somehow it was more natural and more the mark of a free country to allow private interests to seduce children than to censor their reading matter.

How can such a thesis be maintained? Is not the education and protection of children one of the prime functions of their elders, and does not the nature of their education fall within the sphere of the State, even in the view of the most doctrinaire liberal?

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CRACCUM

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Staff and Student

On this page appears a notice of the formation of a new University Club which has the express object of promoting staff-student relations at this College. If it fulfils this purpose it will have more than earned its place, for this must surely be one of the poorer aspects of our student life.

It has already been said through the columns of "Craccum" this year that the number of staff to students is far below the ratio that obtains in many universities overseas. This may be stating the obvious but the important point to be made is that, as a result of this, there is very little contact between staff members and their students, and at present very little is being done about it: lecturers continue to regard the students as an amorphous mass before them, and to a great many students, the lecturer is a remote and unapproachable figure.

An attempt to mitigate this problem can be seen in the system of tutorials that is employed in some departments, but even here, the number of students is often too large, and, in any case, many students fail to take full advantage of the opportunity offered them.

Orientation Week this year was planned so that new students could visit the homes of members of the academic staff, but the response was so poor that at least one professor complained that although he had been told to expect up to a dozen new students, only two arrived. Perhaps now, with several months' work behind them, these students will have become more aware of the problem and will attempt to make up the ground they have lost.

There is so much to gain from such a scheme as is envisaged by the pioneers of this new club that it would be a pity if it were not permitted to see the light of day because students were too lazy or disinterested to take part in its activities. They have much to gain from a closer contact with their lecturers and the discussion and airing of opinions that would result. Similarly, it is to be hoped that the staff of the College will do their part in this new venture. They too have much to gain in establishing closer relations with their students, and coming to appreciate the problems that face them.

Let's drink to this enterprise—not in henlock—but in vintage champagne.

"CRACCUM" EDITOR 1956

Applications are called for the position of Editor of "Craccum" for 1956.

All interested should submit applications together with relevant details to the

Chairman of Publications
Executive Room,
not later than Friday, 9th
September, 1955.

Blood Donations

From 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on September the fourteenth (Wednesday) the Auckland Blood bank will be paying a visit to the College. The unit will be established in the Women's Common Room and about a hundred donors are required. Each donor has a swift blood check, and the blood is then taken in exchange for some iron tablets, tea and biscuits.

The hospital gets about enough blood during the week to carry on, but relies on these outside visits to tide them over the week-end. Considerable inconvenience would result if insufficient were obtained then. We hope YOU will be able to give blood.

Mrs. Chisholm has at the moment a schedule of times of arrival of donors. If enough people make appointments we

HEMLOCK CLUB?

With the aim of providing an open forum where problems of all types, both general and academic can be thrashed out, a group of students and lecturers, led by Peter Boag, Peter Middleton, and A. R. D. Fairburn, have, during the past few weeks, made steps towards forming a Staff-Student Discussion Club. The meetings of this preliminary committee (about 20 variegated bods) have themselves tended to become lively exchanges of opinion; but in addition, some progress has been made towards setting up an as yet un-named discussion group.

N.B. This is not just another society its object is to provide a voice for University opinion, so that our "building up on the hill" can play a more vital and more effectual part in the community. But it is more than this—in addition to the larger meetings, groups will get together in homes, and if the beginnings are an indicator, a few fireworks should be seen.

This movement has the blessings of both the lecturing staff and the Stud. Assn. and the first meeting will be held in the 3rd Term, to enable a flying start next year. All that is required now is your support—it is not just a club where you go and listen, but one where your opinion is audible and arguable. Make sure you don't miss this—you'll recognise this group when you see it—Hemlock Club was suggested as a name, but some title like University Forum will probably be its eventual handle.

MAKE SURE YOU DON'T MISS THIS.

—L.W.N.

HORACE HOLLINRAKE

PROFESSOR OF MUSIC
(1935—1955)

It is with a deep sense of privilege that I write a tribute to the memory of Professor Hollinrake with whom I have been associated in the Department of Music, first as a student, then as lecturer since 1939.

In all his dealings, personal and public, private and official with staff and students, in or out of the College, his way was marked by conviction and purpose and all who have worked with him in any capacity whatsoever have been fortunate. He had rare gifts as a teacher, a genius for organisation and he took a personal interest in every member of his Department. He was the founder and President of Music Club and year after year, with incredibly few and short rehearsals, brought the club to a high pitch of perfection. He was exceptional even among those whose just claim it is to have reached eminence as men of learning in a chosen sphere.

But above all, his essential quality was the genuineness of the devotion with which he served his beliefs and ideals and of the personal loyalty he gave to all his associates. We have lost not only a scholar, a teacher and a man of vision, but a friend!

—T.R.

will be able to set the minds of the blood bank at rest before they come down.

For those who are new to the game: Mrs. Chisholm has a form for you to fill in and return. Further if you are under twenty-one you MUST get your parent's consent on another form also supplied by Mrs. Chisholm. Take one home over the vacation.

N.B. Any staff members who wish are also eligible.

—Don Lang.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Empty Bottles

Sirs,

Thanks are due to those who have operated in supporting the petition to vent the danger and nuisance of bottles in public places. In three about 100 have signed the forms deposited in the cloister. One form bearing at least 25 signatures disappeared on 11 August. Thanks will be due to who returns the missing form. Enquiries about the petition may be made at the College Library.

Yours faithfully,
J. L. Mainprize

Sirs,

Before students proceed to sign preliminary petitions for legislation to pose a deposit on ubiquitous bottles whether flotsam or jetsam, let them consider the 'bottle problem' on their quad lawn. Wherever one looks, whether it is outside the Men's House Common Room or lecture rooms one is confronted by beer, whisky, brandy, cranberry and mundane 'pop' bottles. The members of the Men's House Committee are diligent enough to call for abolition of alleged gambling in the Men's Common Room then they correspondingly be as concerned about unhurled 'marines'. Why have they attended to the placing of receptacles beside these hawdy houses cum common and lecture rooms?

WILLIAM ANDERSON

PROFESSOR OF PHILOSOPHY
(1921—1955)

Like everybody else I have a great many stories to tell about Professor Anderson. There was, for instance, a joyful occasion when he suddenly announced, on the hottest day of the year, that he had just discovered he was feeling so warm. He was wearing two pairs of trousers.

But, of course, Professor Anderson was very much more than a character to whom stories attach. Perhaps genuine characters are—like Socrates and indeed Professor Anderson—constantly reminded one of Socrates. Socrates he believed that the unexamined life was not worth living, but Socrates again he always refused to identify the good life with the usual mon life. Rather he considered it consisted in the full realisation of acceptance by the ordinary citizen of his station and its duties. Though Professor Anderson was a critic, he was far from being a destructive critic. On the contrary he was concerned, first and last, with the preservation of those virtues which in opinion had been slowly developed in the great tradition of European culture. And he himself exemplified many of these virtues. He was learned, patient, steadfast, loyal. He was sorely missed in the Philosophy Department and in the College.

—R.P.A.

COPY FOR NEXT ISSUE

The next issue of "Craccum" will be the last for 1955.

Copy will close on Thursday 8th September.

THE EDITOR

THE OLD CHOPPING BLOCK

Always the chopping block for their fellow students, the Executive of the Students' Association does however get through a considerable amount of work in the Association year. Members of this committee each have to spend much of their time in administering their portfolios, attending meetings and generally caring for the interests of the students in their relations with the College Council, other student bodies and the general public.

This year several members of the 1954-55 Executive have resigned from their positions or have not been able to stand for office again. On behalf of the students of the College, *Craccum* thanks them for their services to the Association, and wishes them well in their studies to which they will now no doubt be able to devote more of their time; at the same time, we hope that their experience and services will not be entirely lost to the student body. There is a real need for the continuity of experience which graduates and others well-versed in student affairs would bring to student life in this college.

The following students have served on the Executive over the last year or so and have retired this year:

Mate Frankovich (President)	Andrew Clarke
Joan Frost (Women's Vice-Pres.)	Kevin Treacy
Jack McGowan (Secretary)	Hanno Fairburn
Arce Postles (Treasurer)	Colin Maiden (Engineers)
Frances Cotton	Frank Davis (Elam)
Patricia Barnes	Maori Marsden
	Brian Horton

At the Annual General Meeting of the Association last week, two members received special votes of thanks and were given ovations. They were the retiring President and Women's Vice-President.

MATE FRANKOVICH



Mate has been connected with student affairs as long as he has been at the College, and has been a member of the Executive since 1953, being elected President last year. He was particularly noted for his lively handling of coffee evenings at a time when they were regarded as one of the best features of student life in the College. His experience in this field served him well when he became Chairman of Social Committee, and organized a succession of well-patronized and well-enjoyed balls. As President, he has done much valuable work as an ex-officio member of several important committees attendant upon that office. He is an active member of Law Society while still retaining his interest in the Science Faculty. That active participation in student affairs generally which helped him in his office as President, will no doubt continue to bind him to the College.

JOAN FROST



Joan has been a member of the Executive over the last two years and was elected Women's Vice-President last year. In this position she served the students well as "hostess" for the Association. As Chairman of Cafeteria Committee, she was responsible not only for improvements in the Cafeteria, but also for preventing a rise in the cost of the two-course meal from 2/6 to 3/-. and a scheme for extensions in the student block is entirely the result of her work. She also did a great deal of the spade work in the organization of the first full-scale Orientation week in the College. But perhaps more than anything else, Joan was noted for her ability to help others at all times, and as an unobtrusive helper, she has the grateful thanks of many an Executive and Committee member. Student life in this College can only gain by her continued interest and participation.

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COLLEGE LIBRARY

Extension of Hours

During the third term until the end of the internal exams, the Library will be open on SATURDAYS, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. On WEEK NIGHTS for most of this time, closing time will be 10 p.m.

END OF TERM BALL

Tomorrow night in the College Hall,

9 p.m. - 2 a.m.

Tickets at Caf. or Door

Sponsored by Catholic Soc.

E.U. MISSION

DR. HOWARD GUINNESS

BY STUBBS

To some, Christ was a man deluded that he was the Son of God, in the same way that I could be deluded that I were a piece of toast looking for a poached egg—so spoke Howard Guinness during his Mission to A.U.C. at the end of last month.

This statement typified his method, that of opposing agnostic atheistic views to those of Christianity, in such a way that Christianity invariably emerged the better, though the less convenient of the two.

Lunch hour and evening meetings during the week, a tea, church service and climax meeting on Sunday, formed the programme.

The Devil, who did not emerge by day, became honoured speaker and guest for the evening meetings, both in the spirit and in the flesh. He appeared on Wednesday night replete with black and scarlet coat, dog collar, peaked beard and pointed cap, but he became shy—or was it wary?—and did not offer comment upon discussions.

And the latter was a welcome feature—discussion of submitted questions by a panel of experts for half an hour before the talks. The questions ranged from considerations of the nature of Good to purely academic questions of the position of Christ in the universe and of God's revelation to other peoples through other religions.

Howard Guinness was discursive and entertaining: his lunch hour hall meetings, accompanied by paper rustling, were serious and formal but the evening meetings were social and light-hearted. Supper, served to the tune of theological ramblings, was always a welcome addition, both for its informality and its opportunities to discuss problems raised and to make new contacts.

Howard Guinness not only revealed his basic ideas of Christianity—that it is a personal decisive step which 'releases you to serve', a way of life which, like athletics, must be disciplined—but he turned to practical everyday issues, and in concise vital terms, discussed sexual intercourse, friendship and marriage.

His words were always terse, unstinted and often amusing. "Truth has a way of being vastly upsetting," he said one lunch hour, and so the Truth on the scaffold—Christ the unusual martyr who was forsaken by the God whose Son he believed himself to be, has become the most challenging of truths.

And—"Arguments are one-sided; it would be inconvenient to be a Christian . . . or an Agnostic," he said.

He continually emphasised that it is our self-centredness, our prime sin, which causes our failure.


Interestingly, he quoted figures for social service agencies in N.S.W., Australia, which reveal that the Christian groups alone have the welfare of the people at heart. There are no voluntary non-Christian associations operating homes for the aged or for children, and less than half are run by the State.

But now that it is all over and our enthusiasm or doubts are being forgotten, we pause and think. We see that the Devil came to criticise, that he did not allow the College to be swept by storm but that he kept the meetings to an encouraging attendance and forced as many as possible to question intellectually all spoken. On the other hand, we see that Christ drew people to him, that Christianity began to impress itself not only upon the clubs concerned but upon the outsiders and that many were given the choice of decision for or against Christ.

And considering the previous state of Christianity within the College—the apathy of the majority towards this most vital question—we have cause to rejoice.

If we only remember the fact that Howard Guinness' Christianity is both intellectual and emotional—if we remember his red and black cloaked figure, his charm, his care for our welfare, we shall be remembering the greater Christ behind him, the Christ who said,

"I am the way, the truth and the life. No man cometh unto the father but by me."



"I only asked him for a date."

In the cool, cool

"BOTTOMS UP"

With the imminent threat of a Dunedin Tournament over us it is to be trusted that every man and woman in the A.U.C. team is fit, and raring-to-go. Fit, because it is after all, a competitive fixture, and raring-to-go because it is a University Tournament in a University city notorious for its hospitality.

We have no doubt about our Hosts' enthusiasm, and ability to turn on a roaring show—remember, they will be trying to outdo Auckland's Easter Tournament effort—so it is up to us from the far North to show that we can be worthy and appreciative guests.

Play hard, and enjoy yourselves into oblivion if you will—A.U.C. has a reputation to uphold in this department.

We feel sure you will carry the banner well, so "bottoms up" and the best of luck to you all.

—Murray Francis,
Barry Shorter,
A.U.C. Tournament Delegates.

BADMINTON

This year the team is somewhat stronger than in 1954 and should make a rather better showing than at Wellington last year.

Miff Morris played for Auckland in the Dickey Rose Bowl Competition this year, and was on the Auckland ladder before her trip to England last year. "All good things are done up in small parcels".

Raewyn Dickson provides the major portion of the energy expended by the women members of the team. Raewyn also played with Miff for Auckland this year.

Suzanne McEwen is a former O.U. representative, now at Training College, in Auckland.

Wendy Stricket she (and another) won the A.B.A. under-21 Invitation combines this year.

Derek Light was prominent in Intermediate badminton in Auckland, and this year played in the Dickey Rose Bowl Competition.

Bill Hew our Malayan lad who plays a different style of badminton but which has no effect on standard. He has already played for Auckland in two Tournaments.

John Mitchell has performed well in the Auckland Championships in recent years, and is at present a member of the Auckland Badminton Assoc. Executive.

Ian George the Club Captain, is playing Badminton for the first time in Tournament. He should do fairly well.

SOCCER

This season found only three of last year's Tournament winning side turning out again—the vital half line of Phil Viskovic, solid and reliable; Phil Paynter, captain and pivot of the team; and Graeme Thornley, "always there", and more crafty each year.

Of last year's reserves at Victoria, Bob Lusk has shown vast improvement and looks to have great goal-scoring potentiality in the centre; Lindsay Nash too, is combining the dash he showed last season with better ball control and positional play. However, among the freshmen, all experienced footballers, were some real 'finds', including players like 'Dip' Davies, an Auckland schoolboy rep. goalie who is showing courageous form; left wing Robin Kirk, whose speed and determination are combined with an ability to sight the goal from anywhere, and

his counter-part, Waikato Junior rep. Jim Whitelaw, on the right.

Perhaps the most interesting finds, however, were our Jamaican full-backs, Colin Campbell, tall, speedy, devastatingly severe, yet as amiable as only West Indians can be; and his Scotch-born partner Hamish Wright, equally fiery, but nuggety and square.

So Southerners beware — Auckland, with Phil Paynter's inspiring leadership, will not let Tournament Shield slip easily away from the North.

SMALLBORE RIFLES

In keeping with tradition, the A.U.C. team for Tournament is not yet finalised, partly because members have rather grave doubts about the forth-coming exams, and partly because of the very narrow margin separating the people eligible for the last two places in the team of five.

Tony Maingay has been shooting with the club for several seasons now, representing A.U.C. at Tournament in 1954, Auckland and Waikato the same year, and the Auckland British Empire Cities Team, 1955.

Brian Bradburn, in past years, has shot for V.U.C., but this year has come to his

senses—he has bought a new rifle and is shooting very well for A.U.C.! Brian shot for V.U.C. in Tournament in 1954, and this year has shot for the A.U.C. Achilles Shield Team and the Auckland British Empire Cities Team.

J. A. R. Fraser: 'Jock' has fulfilled the promise he showed at Tournament 1954. This year he has steadily improved, to become a very reliable, first-class shot, shooting well in the Achilles Shield Team and the local inter-club shoots. We hope he will excell at Tournament again this year!

Dave Hoyle: Unfortunately Dave may not be available, owing to excess work, but if he is, his inclusion would do a lot to consolidate the team.

The remaining members, who are all about the same standard, cannot be easily separated, and any two of them could represent the club. These shooters are Carl Olivecona, Gerry Wareing, Sue McBeth, and Richard (Dick) Hanna.

GOLF

E. B. Treacy. A one-handicap player, Brian has represented Auckland on a number of occasions; he was a member of the team which won the O'Rorke Bowl at the N.Z. Open in 1954. He has also won a number of competitions, including the Auckland Provincial Handicap, and the Akarana Cup. He was awarded A.U.C. Blues in 1953-4.

B. A. Coyle. Bernie plays his golf on a handicap of 3 (what), and has A.U.C. Blues for 1953-4. A team mate of Brian's in the Akarana 'A' grade Pennant team, he has not yet won the British or N.Z. Opens, but according to a reliable source he is liable to perform those two small acts very shortly.

T. W. Coxon. Another Akarana player with the heavy load of a 4 handicap. Mr. Coxon, so it is reported, played exceptionally well at Tournament last year and it is devoutly hoped he will repeat the performance at Dunedin.

L. R. Blong. This player really has the fates stacked against him; his handicap is 12. However, no doubt he will do moderately well, if not better, as he has, it seems, played well below his handicap several times this season. I wonder why.

The Team's chances: quietly confident of notching a few points for Tournament Shield. Who isn't!

WOMEN'S INDOOR BASKETBALL

Auckland is fortunate in having last year's team available for Tournament in Dunedin this year, plus a well-cruited team from Canterbury.

Myra Love: Forward. Myra represented Canterbury in 1953-4, and was selected for the N.Z.U. team which played Wellington last year.

Ina Boreman: Forward. Ina also selected for the N.Z.U. team last year and has represented Auckland since.

We are also fortunate in having very able guards in Barbara Bergh, Elaine Cuming, who have improved greatly during the season. Jo Hames, also a member of last year's team, is showing good form in club matches. Newcomers showing promise are Hunter, Rose Walsh, Krythia and Margaret Weatherley.

MEN'S HOCKEY

The Tournament team this year reasonably strong; it should give a good account of itself. Prominent members are:

Norm Harris: Goalkeeper. Norm, promising junior with a bright future, is at present playing with the S team.

Bill Teesdale: Right-back. A strong and heady player, Bill travelled to Dunedin last year.

Ted Percival: Centre-half. With Tournaments behind him, Ted is becoming friendly.

Rev Forbes: Inside-right. Rev awarded an N.Z.U. Blue in 1954, really gets stuck in.

Graham Swift: Right-wing. Graham has an impressive representative record. He has played for Auckland since 1953.

With Tournament being held in Dunedin this year, with the consequent high cost and length of time involved, Auckland managed to muster fairly strong support for the venture. Most have suffered depletion of good players, but, with only two exceptions, they are not so badly off. Probably Men's Indoor Basketball is the hardest hit, as it always seems to be.

Already information from Dunedin indicates a full social round: no doubt, at other Tournaments, performances will be as a result, but one can only urge competitors to remember that their names come first, and to leave the jollities to Thursday and Friday.

To them all, the very best of wishes. May Dunedin's pallid, watery sun shine a little brighter on them, and may they bring back too many wooden spoons.

J. HOLDOM
Sports Editor

he played for New Zealand in 1954. In 1953 he was awarded an N.Z.U. Blue. His pseudonym: "The Red Flash".

Brian Moore: Centre-forward. Newly-promoted junior, Brian is a strong, striding player with the Senior team.

HARRIERS

This year we have a potential star of the University Harrier Championships in our club captain, and winner of club championship, Warren Travers. His performances in races have been of a consistently high standard; he has been a better runner in competition than in Empire Games athletes, Halberg, Haillie, L. King, and provincial champions Gibson and Merideth; he will probably represent Auckland in the New Zealand Championships.

Other members of the team can be relied upon to give him strong support in the Tournament.



Murray Francis (right) and Barry Shorter, Senior and Junior Delegates for A.U.C. at New Zealand University Winter Tournament Committee. Murray is N.Z.U. Men's 100 yards Swimming Champion. Barry was Boxing Controller at Easter Tournament.

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WOMEN'S HOCKEY

It will be interesting to see how the Tournament team fares in Dunedin. There are only three of last year's combination who are available this year. However, there are several potential

stars among the new bunch, and the team should go well.

Bev. Saunders: Centre-half and Captain. An N.Z.U. Blue of 1954, Bev. is also an Auckland Senior 'A' representative, and will travel to Hastings for the National Tournament. She has been playing consistent, grand hockey this year, and has led her team well.

Solita King: Left-half. Solita played in her first Tournament last year. She plays steady hockey, and is a bustling half.

Margaret Bullock: Left-back. A reserve for the N.Z.U. team at Tournament last year, Margaret has played in the Auckland 'B' representative team. She plays a reliable attacking game as a back.

ment. A former Auckland "B" Grade Champion and a prominent player in "A" and Senior Reserve grades, George has had wide experience in Tournament play throughout the North Island. He has developed a remarkably steady game and may prove to be too consistent for his opponents. The N.Z.U. Men's Single title may be within his reach this year.

Elson Sang will also be attending his third tournament. Although he has not played so much this year, at recent trials he showed that he has not lost touch. His occasional brilliance on both fore and back-hand, and his sound defence should ensure that he will cause more than a few worries for his opponents.

Jack Snodgrass has shown vast improvement this year and has developed a strong all-round game, a powerful fore-hand attack being the best feature of his play. He should do very well.

David Stone has also shown promise this year. He has some remarkably good strokes both on attack and defence, and if he can steady up his game, he may upset some of the more experienced players.

The two girls in the team are **Heather Petrie** and **Maureen Sang**. Both are newcomers to tournament play but each has shown sufficient promise this year to warrant selection. Should they continue to improve they may be capable of a surprise.



Beverley Saunders, Auckland representative squad. New Zealand University Blue. Captain of A.U.C. Women's Hockey Team.

AUCKLAND REPRESENTATIVES

NEW ZEALAND UNIVERSITY STUDENTS' ASSOC. DELEGATES

Lesley Quinn
D. Lang
P. Boag

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M. Francis
B. Shorter

NEW ZEALAND UNIVERSITY STUDENT NEWSPAPERS ASSOC. DELEGATES

D. Stone
J. Holdom

MEN'S INDOOR BASKETBALL

Whenever Tournament is held in foreign territory the A.U.C. indoor basketball Club is hard pressed to find a men's team. Rarely has 'it made' the best team boarded the south-bound express and rarely has it made the return journey with victor's laurels in tow. This year the calibre of the team is approaching the standard expected of the University which has long been eminent in most other things.

The experienced campaigners in the team will know from previous Tournaments how much they can 'carry on' in society, short of total collapse. They will know how to dismay the opposition by a show of apparent well being. They may even know in which basket the team is supposed to shoot. These advantages may win games for A.U.C.

Don Hunt has had wide experience in indoor basketball, and will be playing in his third Tournament. He was selected for the N.Z.U. team in 1953 and has played for Auckland since 1951. Normally a guard, Don can fill any position: his jumping is good, and his shooting is excellent, because he does not hurry himself. His A.U.C. Blues date back to 1952.

Ron Player played for A.U.C. in 1953, but failed to raise the wind last year. An extremely effective forward, Ron, has an A.U.C. Blue, and he played for Auckland this year.

A member of the Auckland Colts team in 1952, **George Statham's** star is only now really rising in the firmament. He was this year in the Y.M.C.A. team, and is a centre or right forward who moves and passes with speed.

Jack Nicholls played for A.U.C. and N.Z.U. 'B' last year, and is a very useful centre.

A former V.U.C. player, **Ross Nelson** has a Blue from that College. He also gained selection for Wellington 'B'.

TABLE TENNIS

The A.U.C. Table Tennis team contains players of wide experience and proven ability and others who have shown considerable promise this year.

Leading the team is **George Gardiner**, who will be attending his third tourna-

SMALL BORE RIFLES

A. Maingay
B. Bradburn
J. Fraser
C. Olivecrona
G. Smith

TABLE TENNIS

Heather Petrie
Maureen Sang
G. Gardiner
J. Snodgrass
E. Sang
D. Stone

WOMEN'S INDOOR BASKETBALL

Ina Bowman
Myra Love
Ann Hunter
Jennifer Hames
Barbara Berghan
Krythia Killeen
Elaine Cumming
Rose Walsh
Margaret Weatherley

WOMEN'S HOCKEY

Beverley Saunders
Margaret Bullock
Nancy Jenkinson
Ann Lund
Kay Hewitt
Janet Cooper
Solita King
Rosemary Waters
Dulcie Baker
Gillian Johnston
Margaret Bates
Barbara Kellett
Margaret Evans

CRACCUM REPORTERS

Elizabeth Porritt
Jennifer Rawnsley

MEN'S INDOOR BASKETBALL

P. Reid
G. Stathan
D. Hunt
J. Nicholls
R. Nelson
W. Hay
G. Davies
R. Player
P. Mathews

MEN'S HOCKEY

D. Bowie
R. Forbes
N. Harris
J. Hawthorne
R. Jackson
D. McRae
K. Maddock
L. Maingay
B. Moore
E. Percival
J. Sealy
G. Swift
W. Teesdale

SKIING

Wynne Lennard
Judy Tompkins
Jocelyn Lennard
Stella Mandeno
P. Hull
W. Heindmarsh
I. Parkinson
D. Taylor
R. Wilson

SOCCER

R. Kirk
J. Whitelaw
N. Young
C. Campbell
H. Wright
G. Davies
J. Harrison
T. Clark
P. Micallef
B. Lusk
L. Nash
P. Paynter
G. Thornley
P. Viscovic

BADMINTON

Cliff Morris
Dorothy Dickson
Dorothy McEwen
Dorothy Strickett
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D. Hew
D. Mitchell
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CROSS COUNTRY

Travers
Russell
Aimer
Smith
Robinson
Davis

DRAMA

Patricia Goulding
Brian Allen
Karen Bell
Dulcie Baker
Hamilton
Loach
Nixon
McRae

FENCING

Barbara Diack
Jennifer Hamilton
Susan Goodwin
C. Couch
J. French
Boyd

GOLF

E. Treacy
Coyle
Coxon
Halberg
Blong

JOYNT SCROLL DEBATING

B. Grierson
D. Lang

CLUB NEWS

MODERN LANGUAGES

"Le Voyage de M. Perrichon"

The annual dramatic production of the Modern Languages Department enjoyed an unqualified financial success when it was played before two packed houses late last month. The play itself is a sophisticated witty comedy whose main charm rests in brisk exchange of dialogue. On the whole, the light, rollicking atmosphere was well sustained by an accomplished cast—accomplished that is, in making the most of the "ham" situations involved. Whether Labiche and Martin originally intended to produce such memorable scenes as the famous rescue description (Act II, scene 10) or the railway fiasco (Act I, scene 8), we cannot decide. Suffice to say that the energetic enthusiasm of an extremely capable M. Perrichon did much to raise the humorous level of the production, especially in his scenes with the coyly ageing "Commandant".

Mention must also be made of the irascible Majorin, whose Charlie Chaplin disguise did not conceal the popular figure of one of our well-known honours students. There was genius, also, in the black, frog-like stiffness of the ramrod Jean, which was only equalled by his magnificent range of facial expressions. We must note here the capable work done by the "facteur," the "employee" and Joseph in the first part of the play. Mme. Perrichon sustained extremely well the difficult role of foil to M. Perrichon, although she was inaudible at times. Henriette (meant to be rather like the confection on a Christmas cake) was adequately colourless and decorative. Both Armand and Daniel looked the part of brisk young men-about-town, but obviously had difficulty in maintaining any enthusiasm for their roles.

Production on the whole was uneven; too many lines were missed, transposed or thrown away; movement at times was clumsy and ungraceful. Nevertheless, the obvious enjoyment of most of the actors was shared by both audiences. The imagination and highly successful stage-sets did much to enhance the atmosphere.

—The Spectator.

Postscript: It was a welcome change to see the Annual Production this year played against a background of more than black drapes. Congratulations to those responsible.

—T.S.

STUDENT CHRISTIAN MOVEMENT

50 members of the S.C.M. constituted the Annual General Meeting on August 1st and were presided over by the retiring President Miss Joyce Pegler, B.A. In presenting the Annual Report the Secretary said that the camps (at which number varied from 35-70) and the teas (numbers 70-120) had been the most successful aspects of the year's activities but that because the devotional life of the Movement was weak the effectiveness of the very real fellowship in the branch was impaired. A new and vigorous group of younger students has come into the S.C.M. and were making a vital contribution to the life of the branch. The Financial Statement showed that the financial obligation of the branch of £250 had been adequately met with £100 in donations from members and £150 from the money raising activities of the group.

In speaking to his last AGM as Chaplain, the Rev. J. J. Lewis, in comparing the SCM which he knew before the War with the Movement today said that we were rediscovering the Bible and finding again the central place of the Church in

Christian thinking. This meant that the Bible-study groups were the most valuable and stimulating part of the life of the SCM for it was here where the honest thinking of the members made it possible for thrilling and deepening insight to be made into Christian truth that the strength of the Movement lay.

The following incoming executive was elected:

President: Mr. J. M. Feist, B.A.
Vice-president: Miss Judy Cotton.
Committee: Miss Margaret Brown, Miss Frances Moore, Miss Margaret Williams, Roy Clements, B.A., Scott Dalziel, Tony Dreaver, Graeme Ferguson, Murray Mills.

—G.R.F.

SOCIALIST CLUB

On July 21 about 20 people enjoyed the movie-colour film of the 1953 Budapest Festival of Youth and Students. This was the fifth international festival held, and the purpose was to foster good-will, understanding, peace and friendship amongst the world's youth. The festival was organised by the World Federation of Democratic Youth and the International Union of Students, to which the Socialist Club belongs.

30,000 visitors from 111 countries came to Budapest. Betty Arya one of the nine delegates to the festival from N.Z., was present at the showing and told personal experiences and filled out the film's commentary. She said that the emphasis was on informal meetings between students of faculties, host days by various delegations, visits and so on.

The film covered every aspect of the very full cultural, sporting and social programme presented. Indeed, Betty said that if all the activities were participated in it would have taken 80 years. It was obvious that the whole people of the host country helped to make the Festival a success. Betty said that food and lodgings were good at each of the three Festivals she attended, and the organisation was splendid. The central stadium, holding 80,000 people, was erected in three months by voluntary labour.

The cultural concerts were especially colour and interest of cultures as widely different as English, Gold Coast, Mongolian, Siberian, South American, Japanese, Rumanian, etc. A wide section of the world's religious and politics were represented.

All the varying races, cultures and creeds were united in a unanimous vote in favour of peace and friendship at the end of the Festival, and the determination to work to those ends to the utmost.

After the film Graham Blair moved, and Bernard Gadd seconded, a motion of agreement with Youth Festival which is being held in Warsaw this year from July 29. The meeting carried it unanimously. The film is being taken around N.Z. and a collection to assist finance it took £18/-. Betty Arya afterwards displayed a collection of badges, gifts and emblems that the N.Z. delegates were given at the Festival.

—B. Gadd.

on behalf of the Soc. Club executive.

S.C.M. — CATHOLIC SOC.

On the afternoon of Sunday July 24th, S.C.M. and Cath. Soc. held a combined gathering—an annual affair, the meeting taking the form of a Panel on 'Christianity and the Lawyer'. The three speakers represented the legal profession in the three aspects of academic lawyer (Prof. Davis), practising barrister (Mr. Hillier) and family solicitor (Mr. Turner).

Jim Feist welcomed Cath. Soc. on behalf of S.C.M. and introduced the speakers after Rev. Fr. Butler, chaplain for Cath. Soc., had recited a prayer to St Thomas Aquinas.

University Hockey Tourists

AUSTRALIAN GIRLS LOSE TO AUCKLAND

Playing under atrocious conditions at Melville Park, the Australian Universities Women's Hockey team lost to Auckland to the tune 14-0. Auckland (Auckland Ladies' Hockey Association) fielded the best team, and a very good best it was. Fast, strong, with excellent stickwork and an eye-opening combination, they overwhelmed the Australian girls.

Perhaps naturally, the 'Varsity girls were handicapped by the conditions. One, who was on the sideline, remarked that only once had she played on a pitch as bad. Further, very few of them had suitable footwear. In the main, they wore sandshoes, with low rubber sprigs. Only one or two had ankle-high leather boots, and even those had low sprigs, not the full-sized article needed under New Zealand conditions.

These two factors had an influence on aspects of their play, undoubtedly, but representative players are expected to show better stick-work, ball control, and positional play than these employed.

Too often, they refused to go in and tackle, thus allowing the Auckland players plenty of time to decide where to place the ball. When the Varsity players did have the ball, they too often played around with it, endeavouring to 'tee' it up, and when they were ready to hit it, an Auckland girl had whipped it from under their noses. Also, they showed a remarkable propensity for turning on the ball, and thus giving away valuable ground in penalties.

With regard to the Auckland team, one can wonder why Bev. Saunders, A.U.C. captain, who is a member of the

Auckland squad, was not included. Though the three halves who played better players, surely it would have been a kindly gesture to have included her play against her guests; when all said and done, they were playing a city team, and there was nothing to be lost should the visitors have won. Auckland did not show up well in this respect.

Patti Moran, the manager, who is a centre-forward, is a Science student at Sydney. She has played in two Varsity Carnivals, and also holds an Australian Swimming record, that of 100 yds. medley.

A Physiotherapy III student, and from Sydney, Val Freirell, the captain played for the Combined Universities team in 1953, and has a Sydney Blue. She has also played for the Sydney Metropolitan team.

Prinrose Buchanan, of Melbourne, Science III student, has played in Varsity since 1952. She is a centre half, and is perhaps one of the most experienced players in the team.

Tasmanian Jill Solomon, who joined the team later in the tour, is also a centre forward. She is an Arts student, and has played for Tasmania, and who is a Blue from her University.

ful to the enthusiast with finance.

The article on building activity on Ruapehu makes interesting reading. It is the first summary of activity on the mountain I have seen, and the information included is, to say the least, surprising. The Ski Club Hut will bring the total number of huts on the mountain to thirty.

It is noteworthy that Scandinavia, Russia, and Alpine Europe, have, between them, a monopoly on world ski championships.

The lecture by Stan Kinder, ski expert from Wisemans, gives a great deal of information to the prospective, or beginning skier. It has interest to the general reader, too. Mr. Kinder discusses types and selection of skis, bindings, boots, sticks, and clothing. The final comment is on fire—some very pertinent suggestions are made.

Overall, a worthwhile publication. It is a great pity, though, that the Editor, Wallace Dobier and Judith Tomkins, do not watch the quality of the production more closely. Many parts are difficult to read; one or two, virtually impossible. At times, too, the style is a little tedious. These parts read rather like lecture notes, and I do not think this is a suitable style for a publication of this nature.

—Sport

HARRIERS

In memory of Ian French, who failed to return from a routine training flight, an R.N.Z.A.F. Mustang earlier this year, the A.U.C. Harrier Club has purchased a cup which is to be presented to the champion in each season. Ian was an outstanding Harrier, representing the College for several years, and in 1953 was awarded a College Blue in this sport. At an afternoon tea held after the closing of the Club Championships on Sunday 23rd July Les Barker, the president of the club, paid tribute to Ian's sportsmanship and athletic ability and then called upon Mr. French to present the cup to this year's winner, Warren Travers.

THE ALCHEMIST"

REVIEWED BY DAVID STONE

Ben comes in for a drubbing



OVERSEAS STUDENT NEWS

... with Allan Taylor

Australia

An overwhelming majority of students of the Tasmanian University Union voted against censorship of the paper "Togatus" at the NUAUS General Meeting held recently. The last NUAUS Editor's Conference had been in favour of the Student Representative Councils' exercising some form of censorship.

Finland

A survey of the students of the Technical University in Helsinki has shown that the most students are satisfied with the present study conditions. However, a few improvements in text books and the lecture system were desired, and only a few professors were described as good pedagogians by the students. The survey also revealed that the students spent about 25 hours a week at home on their studies, and that the interest for other occupations, cultural questions etc., was relatively small.

India

The Education Ministry of the Government of India has offered a 75 per cent concession in railway and bus travel to university students to encourage them to tour about their vacations and know their country and people better.

Portugal

Three types of women students who have a false understanding of the purpose of a university were described in an article written by a girl student for the student newspaper, "Centro": (1) the intellectual type for whom university training is not a means, but an end, and who becomes masculine and solitary during the course of her studies; (2) the average woman student who does her work in a superficial way and for whom the university is only a necessary stopping-off point between school and marriage; (3) the unsuccessful student who fails because the university is not the place for her, but who remains there out of stubbornness or because her parents wish it, thus wasting her time and energy without results.

Union of South Africa

First year failures by students was costing South African universities £500,000 a year, said Dr. Malherbe, Principal of the University of Natal. Out of 6,000 new students who go to university each year, about half fail in one or other of their subjects and almost a third fail to pass at all.

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in the opinion of the editorial Committee have submitted material which is of relevance to the theme of the Book.

(8) Mr. Paul Temm was elected in absentia to the position of Editor of *Capping Book 1955*. The following Editorial Committee was also elected: Misses Clare Lillie and Carmel Lorrigan, and Messrs. Michael Freyne, Dennis Howell, Warwick Lockier, Robert Roach and Allan Taylor.

Last week the A.U.C. Dramatic Society presented for its major production for 1955, Ben Johnson's celebrated comedy, "The Alchemist". Perhaps the production can best be summed up by saying that it scored more marks for vitality and exuberance than it did for dramatic polish and finesse.

That is not to say that there were not some quite outstanding performances given, but one feels that the production could have gained considerably if the producer had maintained a nicer balance between buffoonery and subtlety, and had the players exercised just a little more restraint in the rendering of their parts. Rogues and gulls the characters were, but finished dramatic technique calls for more light and shade, and a greater variation of pace than was achieved here.

A play such as "The Alchemist" does require the actors to make their portrayals very much larger than life if it is to succeed in its object of ridicule. But if this performance is an indication of the lengths to which they must go, Jonson's play loses, at least for me, much of its attraction as good theatre.

One of the main faults seemed to be the substitution of boisterousness for pace, with the result that the lines themselves did not always go over. Another consequence was that there was a similar clustering quality infused in too many of the principal characters, and this was one of the things which made a role like Little Druggier stand out—it gained by contrast, and sometimes at the expense of the performance of others.

The weight of the play falls rather heavily on the characters of Subtle, the alchemist, and his accomplices Face and Dol Common, and the production was fortunate in having three experienced players to take these roles.

At home in comedy?

Desmond Hackshaw, as Subtle, and Denis Pain, as Face, both lost much by the fact that there was very little contrast drawn between them. Mr. Hackshaw brought to his role a feeling of comedy which is to be expected from such an experienced player, but he seemed to be moulded into a clumsy boisterous brute and the effort obviously told on his voice. He has a naturally resonant voice and it was a pity to see it so abused—he had no need to shout his lines, and on the occasions when he restrained, his performance gained by it. The opinion expressed last year after his performance in the Restoration comedy, *Love for Love*, that he seemed uneasy in comedy is I think substantiated by this production. It is still maintained that Mr. Hackshaw will not reach his full dramatic height until he is given a strong role in a serious play, and his performance in the Jacobean melodrama, *The Duchess of Malfi* remains in memory in support of this view.

Too exhausting

Denis Pain had a very long and arduous portrayal to sustain, and one feels that he could have given a better performance had he been subjected to a stronger dramatic discipline. More than any other player Mr. Pain failed to achieve light and shade in his portrayal—Face is an incorrigible rogue but he does not need to shout all the time. By doing so, Mr. Pain made the part even more exhausting than it already is. Nevertheless, for sheer vitality and a very effective wickedness, his performance calls for considerable praise.

Of the three principal characters, however, that of Dol Common, played by

Gillian Davies, came over the best. Miss Davies seems to go from strength to strength in dramatic technique. Her remarkable flair for comedy, backed by a sure sense of theatre, and not the least, her impish grin, all contributed to make her performance a memorable one, and the third in a row of personal successes in university productions.

The production was well served in its minor roles. Donald McRae as the soft-headed law clerk, Dapper, gave a delightful performance—the complete dupe soaking up the ridiculous fabrications of the alchemical rogues. Parting with his money at an even faster rate was Sir Epicure Mamon played by John Harre.

As the Puritans, who perhaps came in for the sharpest points of Jonson's satire, Geoffrey Fuller and Gary Small were nilarious. This pair, the long and the short of it, with their religious hypocrisy exposed to the hilt, and each outdoing the other in fantastic grimaces, were almost an endless butt for derision. If they tended to overdo it a little, Ronald Chudleigh was extremely successful in his portrayal of the poor wretch of a tobaccoist, perhaps the most pitiful of the alchemist's gulls.

Chaos unlimited

Terrence Dowling, as Squire Kastril, gave a performance strongly reminiscent of his country bumpkin in *Maria Marten*, but lost nothing for that. His brand of comedy will always be enormously funny. Gabriel Prendergast, Margaret Smith and Graeme Nixon all contributed to the strength of the smaller roles.

The Society again had the services of Professor Musgrove as producer and it must be admitted that he never allowed the stage to be empty for a minute—he always provided it with brilliantly chaotic scene, but as the introductory remarks indicate, the effect was frequently too chaotic. The play certainly needs boisterousness, but a producer must exercise restraint on his players when they threaten to get out of hand. This maxim is particularly relevant where there are untrained or semi-trained voices. If it had been followed, the result would have been a less raucous rendering.

The set and lighting were a credit to the stage and lighting staff concerned. In both departments, the production overcame the severe limitations imposed on any play which takes the stage in such a place as our so-called college hall.

The University Wits?

In the ingeniously composed programme, there was a short history of the last few years of the Drama Society entitled *The University Wits*. It gives details of the plays the Society has produced since 1949, and if anything becomes immediately significant, it is the fact that in a list of fourteen plays, there have been only two that have been written since the time of Oscar Wilde, and only one has a modern setting.

O for a good modern play! Royal- ties, yes, but at reduced rates if application is made, and when one thinks of the brilliant American theatre written since the thirties, and the revival in the English theatre of recent years, would it not be worth while?

The programme states: "In our next cycle, such as it may be, the Auckland University Drama Society hopes to continue its policy of presenting plays of the academic theatre." What that means exactly, one cannot be sure, but if it does not make allowance for such plays as those written by America's Maxwell Anderson, Thornton Wilder, Tennessee Williams, and England's Terrence Rattigan, Christopher Fry and Peter Ustinov, let's have none of it.

This is written not as a criticism of past policy, but rather as a plea for a new adventurous spirit. The attendances at Drama Society productions, not the least at "The Alchemist," has been pitifully small for a number of years, and bears no relationship to the quality of the work being produced. Something then has to be done, and the present suggestion is that a cycle of really good modern theatre might provide a very necessary shot in the arm of student apathy toward student drama. —D.S.

British Drama League

Once again the Drama Society ably represented the University in the annual festival of one-act plays arranged by the British Drama League with "Passion, Poison and Petrification" presented to packed houses in St. Andrew's Hall and the Concert Chamber. Miss Margaret Escott, an excellent critic with a passionate love of the theatre, adjudicated recalling the University to a place within the first four.

Neil Smith handled the production well. The play is difficult technically yet it was this aspect that was most successful. The set was magnificent, as were noises-off, the flash effects and the costumes; all a credit to hard-working stage-crew.

In "Passion, Poison and Petrification", G. Bernard Shaw displayed his shrewd sense of theatre craft. It is a beautifully rounded piece, well-shaped to give good contrasts of pace and well-written to display several types of character. Within the skilful pattern designed by the producer the cast played their parts with superb vitality and occasional ability. In general the acting lacked intensity, crispness and variety of tone. All these points are only to be expected in a young cast and given sincerity these players should develop their abilities to fulfil the promise they showed in this enjoyable performance. It is to be hoped the Drama Society can stage this production within the University as a large student audience would love it.

—D. McR.

STUDENTS ELECT NEW EXECUTIVE

As a result of the elections for the Executive Committee of the Auckland University College Students' Association held on Monday and Tuesday, 1st and 2nd August, the Returning Officer, Mr. Michael Roberts, has announced that the following students have been elected to take office for the Association year, 1955-56:

WOMEN

Lesley Quinn

Janet Watkins

Clare Lillie

MEN

Donald Lang

Murray Francis

Robert Roach

James Holdom

Lindsay Nash

Peter Goddard

Peter Gordon

David Stone

In accordance with the Constitution of the Association, the Vice-Presidents for 1955 were elected at the first meeting of the new Executive on Monday last. The results were:

Woman Vice-President: Miss Lesley Quinn

Man Vice-President: Mr. Donald Lang

HOW THEY VOTED

	College Cloisters	College Foyer	Science Block	School of Architecture	Training College	TOTAL
Lesley Quinn	315	136	42	31	16	540
Donald Lang	269	133	45	36	11	494
Robert Roach	251	118	39	21	15	444
Janet Watkins	233	111	24	47	10	425
Clare Lillie	199	103	32	28	9	371
Lindsay Nash	196	91	21	23	12	343
Peter Gordon	200	82	25	23	10	340
Murray Francis	171	89	16	28	5	309
James Holdom	180	73	21	21	13	308
Peter Goddard	151	83	20	9	13	276
David Stone	158	71	15	23	8	275
Mia Hodge	157	62	15	15	8	257
Gabriel Prendergast	143	79	9	15	5	251
Michael Freyne	149	66	9	11	4	239
Denis Howell	128	62	17	18	5	230
Graeme Nixon	121	62	18	12	8	221
Eve Hodgson	105	59	8	18	10	200
Alan Warwick	72	32	7	86	1	198
Barry Shorter	118	44	7	11	5	185
Murray Craig	72	45	11	15	5	148
John Young	82	39	9	5	6	141
Ellis Solomon	61	24	11	2	0	98
Jack Grant-Mackie	38	18	12	8	5	81

COMICS AND CHILDREN (Continued)

There is nothing "natural" at all about this exploitation of innocence. It is a commercial dictatorship and Dr. Wertham gives various examples of writers and artists and booksellers who have been revolted by being forced to supply this muck to children. A few have even refused to do so at the expense of their livelihood.

Sadism is the most vicious aspect of obscenity. No harm is done to society by teaching, even if somewhat irresponsibly, the beauty and happiness that may come from the sexual relations of men and women. In the West commercial interests are allowed to cover our walls with an endless titillation of sexual appetite. This can be defended on the ground that the evils of censorship are greater.

But to apply this to children's books is

senseless. Those who want the civilisation of the West to be destroyed could not have imagined a subtler or a swifter method of undermining it than to pervert a whole generation of children; to give them an immoral instead of a moral upbringing; to teach them that love is ugly, that brutality is manly, and that everything that Christ taught is "cissie." Finally a quote from Dr. Wertham:—

The atmosphere of crime comic books is unparalleled in the history of children's literature of any time or any nation. It is a distillation of viciousness. The world of the comic book is the world of the strong, the ruthless, the bluffer, the shrewd deceiver, the torturer and the thief. All the emphasis is on exploits where somebody takes advantage of somebody else, violently, sexually, or threateningly. It is no more the world of

Perhaps the most unexpected feature of the election was that for the first time in the last few years there will be only three women members on the new executive. Since the conditions of voting were changed a few years back, allowing students to vote for as few candidates as they wish, there have been four women elected.

Another feature of the election is that there only three members from the old Executive stood again, Lesley Quinn, Donald Lang and Peter Goddard, each of them have been re-elected, and consequently, for the first few weeks at least, much of the responsibility will rest upon these members.

As in the election for the officers of the Association held three weeks ago, polling booths were also established at places outside the main college. There were five in all, situated at the College Foyer, College Cloisters, Science Block, School of Architecture and Teachers' Training College. Students attending the School of Engineering at Ardmore, and the Elam School of Fine Arts were ineligible to vote as they elect their own representative to the Executive.

The details of votes cast at each polling booth are given in a table on this page.

Annual General Meeting

The following minutes were passed at the Annual General Meeting of the Students' Association:

(1) The following statement was read to the Treasurer's report before the meeting: "That we express to the Business Manager of the Association our appreciation at the manner in which the Balance Sheet and Statement of Receipts and Expenditure have been presented over the past few years, and that in future, financial statements be made in a clearer manner, so that the Business Manager be requested to attend the Annual General Meeting of the Association."

(2) That this meeting do reaffirm its ban on all forms of gambling, but that card playing be permitted subject to the discretion of the Executive.

(3) That the New Zealand Government be informed that the Annual General Meeting of the Auckland University College Students' Association approved of the scheme for building the new university at Hobson Bay, and be asked to give its support to this scheme.

(4) That the New Zealand Government be informed that it is the opinion of the Annual General Meeting of the Auckland University College Students' Association that capital punishment should be abolished. (Carried 31 to 10.)

(5) That the Annual General Meeting of the Auckland University College Students' Association considers that the question of life imprisonment should be carried out literally.

(6) That in view of his remarks concerning this year's Revue, the Controller, Mr. Goddard be asked to submit a report as to the future of the Revue to the incoming Executive.

(7) a. That there shall be set up each year a Capping Book Committee consisting of one member appointed by the Executive of the Association and two members (who shall be Chairman and a District Manager appointed by the Executive of the Capping Committee; and an editor appointed by the Annual General Meeting. If no nominations for the position of Editor are received at the Annual General Meeting applications for the position shall be called by the Executive of the Association and the most suitable applicant. The Chairman of the Capping Committee shall be an ex officio member of the Committee.

b. There shall be also an editorial committee of Capping Book which shall consist of a member of the Capping Book Committee ex officio and eight other persons elected at the A.G.M. Policy decisions relating to the content of Capping Book shall be made by the Editor in consultation with the editorial sub-committee of Capping Book, but a member of the committee shall have the right to appeal against any decisions of the Committee to the Executive of the Association and such decision shall be binding. The Committee shall have power to co-opt. The Editor and three other members shall constitute a quorum. The Censorship Regulations adopted by A.G.M. 1952 shall continue in full force and effect.

c. The editorial policy of the Capping Book shall be directed to the publication of matters of public interest commented on from a university viewpoint, and articles therein shall range through the frivolous, humorous, satiric or serious, but shall be a mean among them. Contributions from past students and any other persons are invited.

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AUCKLAND UNIVERSITY COLLEGE STUDENTS' PAPER

If the question were asked, which member of the National Government's Cabinet has been responsible for the greatest number of public bungs, it would be difficult to go beyond the Hon. R. M. Algie, Minister of Education, for the appropriate man.

Mr. Algie, one of the oldest members of that august body, has shown over the past few years that his age is catching up with him, and that any political competence that he may once have been able to claim for himself is, with the unrelenting passage of time, decreased just as relentlessly.

One's mind goes back just a few years when the Principal of Otahuhu College was growing increasingly annoyed with the indifference with which the Minister treated his plea for an assembly hall for the college. Possibly in order to acquaint him with the problem, Mr. Algie was then asked if he would be present at the College's annual prize-giving which was to be held in the school grounds because there was no alternative. Mr. Algie duly complied, and in a speech the day before the Principal and his staff, and the pupils and their parents, relatives and friends, complimented the school on their splendid out-door hall! As can be imagined, no one received his remarks with kindly.

Then there was last year's election campaign when the Minister addressed a group of teachers recently graduated, including a Fullbright Scholar from the United States, refused to answer and, on being pressed, resorted to calling one of the group a "young pipsqueak." Such a display of courtesy from a Minister of Education!

But Mr. Algie has boasted that under his administration of the Department of Education, more classrooms have been built than under any other. But Mr. Algie did not say how great a proportion of these "classrooms" were third rate shacks, in which one can be sure he would not cherish spending over six pence each day.

Yes, this is our Minister of Education. This is the Minister who, for over three years, has deliberately fobbed off the just claims of the university student for an increase in his bursary, and who has thereby sabotaged the original objective of the bursary scheme, to give every young man and woman in New Zealand equal opportunities to advance their education to the University level.

Presented on page two is the latest Memorandum for the Honourable the Minister for Education submitted by the Auckland University Students' Association on behalf of the 10,000 university students in the Dominion. It is presented full because it shows the whole history of the Association's proposals for the increase and extension of university bursaries, and reveals only too clearly the worthy manner in which the Minister has for over three years dodged the issue, and also the indifference amounting to a short of contempt that he has for the proposals.

Quoted here are relevant extracts from fifteen-page proposals made by the N.Z.U.S.A. and submitted to the Minister:

"We consider that bursaries were instituted and are maintained in New Zealand for the purpose of giving practical expression of a desire that there should be a maximising of equality of opportunity for higher education. This desire is at the best talented young men and

women irrespective of social or economic status shall have the opportunity to obtain the highest education is, we feel, inherent in New Zealand's educational thinking and has been adopted by Governments past and present . . . "The bursary is more in the nature of a reward, a gratuitous reward given by a Government wise enough to realise the nation's future dependence on educated citizens . . . "If the award of bursaries is to achieve the object of equalising opportunity, then the amounts awarded must bear relation to the costs of and incidental to higher education . . . "

"From the figures that we have shown in the earlier sections of these submissions certain facts become obvious:

- (a) There has been no increase in the value of bursaries since 1950 (actually calculated in 1949).
- (b) There has, in the corresponding period, been an increase of 34% in the students' living costs as shown by



the figures taken from the Consumer's Price Index. (These increases are taken only up to June, 1954, and therefore the rise in costs of the last 15 months have still to be taken into account.)

- (c) Up to June, 1954, there was an increase in the cost of board at student hostels amounting to an average of £35-7/- per annum.
- (d) The cost of books has increased in this period by 30% . . .
- (e) All sections of the community have had substantial increases in their income.
- (f) Apart from the foregoing considerations, the schedule of student costs submitted herewith shows that the full-time student who lives away from home cannot manage on his present available income, even after allow-

ing for a minimum parental contribution of £66 per annum."

"From these facts it can be seen that the student of 1954 is in a far worse financial position than the student of 1949 or 1950. Not only is his personal position worse, but, in relation to the rest of the community, students as a class are considerably less favoured than they were four to five years ago.

"In order to make the student position more secure and in order to bring him more into line with others in the community, we consider that an increase of £20 is essential. We suggest that this be granted as a cash payment because it is primarily calculated on the increase in the student's cost of living, especially board.

"It is not necessary to stress to you the fact that the country needs University-trained men and women in order to maintain its system of administration and social services, to expand and improve its economy by the application of scientific knowledge, and to provide intellectual leadership.

"We consider that the present scale of bursary allowances is such as to discourage many people from attending University and to discourage many students from devoting their full time to their studies in fields which require intensive study.

"Don't you think it's time he was changed?"

"Our claim is based not only on the economic well-being of the student, but also in the belief that the fostering of opportunity for University study is a national necessity at this stage of the country's development. Moreover we do not adopt a policy of replying solely on Government assistance. Students assist themselves financially as far as they are able by vacation employment and they are willing and glad to do so. All we ask is that these tasks be not made impossible. We have also assumed a generous parental contribution which is a form of self-help. From the estimate of such a contribution, it will be seen that an average family's resources must be severely strained to keep a youth at University."

This is sufficient to give a fair idea of the tone in which the proposals were framed. Other sections included recom-

mendations that the number of national boarding bursaries be increased from 65 to 200 per annum; that a permanent committee consisting of the Vice-Chancellor of the University of New Zealand or his nominee, a representative of the Department of Education to be nominated by the Minister and a representative of the N.Z.U.S.A., be set up to deal with the question of University bursaries; that the present ceiling on the total emoluments which can be enjoyed by a bursar or scholar be increased; and that provision be made for the prolongation of University Entrance Scholarships for the period required to complete an Honours Degree.

All these proposals were also submitted to the Auckland University College Council which referred them to the Professorial Board which would report back to the Council. As a result of this, the President of the Auckland University College Students' Association received a letter from the College Principal dated 14th December, 1954, from which the following extracts are taken:

"Both the Board and the Council find themselves in general accord with the suggestions put forward by the Students' Association, and have informed the Vice-Chancellor of the University of New Zealand of this. The following comments upon your memorandum of 31st August, 1953, have therefore been forwarded to the Vice-Chancellor for presentation to Mr. Algie."

The comments which followed showed a complete agreement with the proposals and indeed the only qualification made was pertinent to the recommendation concerning the Committee to be set up, that it was to concern itself only with financial matters, and not with matters of educational policy.

The letter concluded: "I trust that this support will have some effect in improving what are becoming increasingly difficult circumstances for students who depend upon outside aid to remain at the University."

Yours sincerely,
K. J. MAIDMENT,
Principal.

As a clear indication of the nature of Mr. Algie's actions in the matter, it is interesting to compare paragraphs 4 and 7 with paragraph 10 (a) of the memorandum accompanying this article. Despite the fact that on the 9th September, 1953, the Minister informed the N.Z.U.S.A. that "the matter had been referred to the Department for comment," and that on the 11th March, 1954, he advised that "the Director of Education was discussing the matter with the Vice-Chancellor," it is notable that at the meeting held on 10th June, 1954, "it became clear that the Director of Education had not seen the submissions prior to that meeting."

The student may draw his own conclusions here—but the words speak for themselves.

A further indication — if any were needed — of the attitude of Mr. Algie is found in amplification of paragraph 11.

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Jim Trauer leaves A.U.C. at the end of this year to take a course at the Library School in Wellington. David Stone will remain at the College and at the last Executive Meeting, was appointed Editor for 1956.

Around the College by Mugwump

The College Office is busy now with examination arrangements and with the institution of the new Executive Diploma in Music starting at A.U.C. next year. Mr. Kirkness says that against the theoretical Mus. Bach. degree, this course will instruct in the practise of the violin, viola, violin 'cello, harp, oboe, clarinet, bassoon and voice, and may thus be the beginning of a Conservatorium.

The Hobson Bay scheme has not yet been officially turned down or officially blessed. The authorities concerned are still waiting for a conference. The plan of Hobson Bay in the papers last week, the one with the university pushed into one corner and something called a plaza taking up the rest of the bay was only one of Sir James Fletcher's large-scale doodlings.

CAPPING COMMITTEE 1956

Preliminary preparations are under way for Capping Carnival next year.

There are vacancies on this committee in the following positions:

Revue Director, who will assume administrative responsibility for this production.
Revue Producer.
Front of House Manager, for Revue.
Procession Controller.
Collection Manager.
Distribution Manager for Capping Book.
Publicity Manager to be responsible for all Capping publicity, and
Secretary, to conduct all correspondence, and in addition, to assist in the general organisation of the Carnival.

Business Manager, to manage the finances of the Carnival.

All students interested are asked to leave applications addressed to the Capping Controller, with Mrs. Chisholm, or at the Executive Room.

Name, address, telephone number and years at university, should be noted in applications, which should be submitted by Friday, 7th October.

DAVID STONE,
Capping Controller, 1956.

EDITORIAL -- continued

Bursaries Out Of Proportion

Here is an extract from the *Supplementary Order Paper* of the House of Representatives dated 30th June, 1954:

10. Mrs. McMillan (North Dunedin) to ask the Minister of Education, whether, in view of the fact that the present scale of university bursaries, including some special cases such as dental bursaries, was fixed in September, 1949, and in view of the fact that boarding costs at residential colleges connected with the Otago University have risen by an average of at least 40 per cent on 1950 costs, and text books by approximately 30 per cent, the present bursaries be investigated with a view to liberalising the amount and the coverage of bursaries so far as the boarding allowance is concerned, and also with a view to removing anomalies?

The Hon. Mr. Algie (Minister of Education) replied: Representations for an increase in bursaries were recently put before me by the New Zealand University Students' Association, and these representations are at present being considered by me.

Mr. Algie's use of the term "recently" apparently covered a period of nine months, but what is more, that answer was given fifteen months ago, and it would appear that the Minister is still "considering" the representations.

The attitude of the Minister can be seen in paragraph 12 of the Memorandum. Like a patronising school master, Mr. Algie pats the N.Z.U.S.A. on the back for "a very able" presentation of its case,

and states that he was "impressed . . . with the very thoroughly worked-out written submissions," just as if he were commenting on a school essay.

Paragraph 15, of course, relating the Prime Minister's promise of "bigger, better and more improved bursaries" can be written off as an election pledge. But paragraphs 16 and 17 are more important because they show that most of the points of the case "were tentatively agreed to by the seven Departmental Officers present" at a conference held on 26th October last year, and that on 4th February this year, "a final discussion was held with the Director of Education."

That is now eight months ago and still nothing has been done as we enter on the fourth year of our efforts.

No doubt Mr. Algie thought he was showing the milk of human kindness when Post-Primary Teaching Student-ships were set up recently. But these were created only out of dire necessity when it was realised that it was nearly too late to do something about the ever-increasing shortage of secondary school teachers, and, in any case, the student-ships at last place the Post-Primary Teacher Trainee on an equal footing with his Primary Teacher colleague.

But the overall effect of this development, as was indicated by Mr T. O. Fitzgibbon, President of the N.Z.U.S.A., in a Press statement last month, has been to throw all other bursaries out of proportion. The top scholars of the

country are still struggling on £70 and £80 per year, and the son or daughter of a man on less than about £15 per week, finds it almost impossible to attend University full-time on £10 per term. The student from out of town who has to pay board is in a worse position still.

It is time the Government realised that Mr. Algie is not only a severe liability to New Zealand as a whole—doesn't seem to worry them—but also severe liability to the National Party Government.

Last year we had a Commissioner of Police who was extremely disliked by those who had to work under him.

he was an embarrassment to the Government, the Prime Minister thought worth £6,000 cash down, and £8 per week for life to get rid of him. Now we have a Minister of Education for whom it is exceedingly difficult to find one university professor or lecturer, teacher, student who has a kind word for him.

If the Prime Minister does not see fit to do so, would be a public-minded gesture if a philanthropist put up another £6,000 and £8 a week for life.

Failing this, it would be well for Mr. Algie to follow the very excellent example set last year by his colleagues, Sir William Bodkin and Mr. Broadfoot. Yes, Mr. Algie, for the benefit of University education, why not resign? Now!

N.Z.U.S.A. SUBMISSIONS

Memorandum for the Honourable, the Minister of Education

1. The N.Z.U.S.A. presented submissions to you on July 22nd, 1952, in support of a proposed increase in the number and value of University Bursaries.

2. On 7th April, 1953, you wrote to the Association advising that you could see no prospect at present of Cabinet's granting the Association's request of July, 1952.

3. On 1st September, 1953, the Association forwarded revised submissions to you, together with sufficient copies to distribute to members of Cabinet.

4. On 9th September, 1953, you wrote to the Association stating that the Association had made a well argued submission, and that the matter had been referred to the Department for comment.

5. On 8th January, 1954, you wrote to the Association stating that the matter required careful consideration.

6. On 25th February, 1954, the Association wrote to you requesting urgent consideration and stating that its representatives were prepared to call on you to discuss the matter.

7. On 11th March, 1954, you advised that the Director of Education was discussing the matter with the Vice-Chancellor and that no increase could be made effective as from the beginning of 1954, because of the necessity for Parliament to appropriate the money.

8. On 14th April, 1954, the Association wrote to you expressing concern at the delays that had occurred.

9. On 9th June, 1954, the Association wrote to you forwarding the up-to-date figures to support its case.

10. On 10th June, 1954, the Association's representatives called on you and

discussed the matter in the presence of your senior Departmental Officers. A general discussion on the merits of the case then took place. Several important facts emerged from this discussion.

(a) It became clear that the Director of Education had not seen the Association's submissions prior to that meeting.

(b) You agreed with the basic tenet of the Association's case that the aim of a democracy should not be to give everybody the same things, but to ensure the greatest possible equality of opportunity.

(c) You stated that a decision could be reached any time in 1954, so as to become effective at the commencement of the 1955 academic year.

11. You stated in the House on 7th July, 1954, that you were considering the matter.

12. In response to a request from the Association, your views on the matter were forwarded in a lengthy letter of 12th August, 1954, which was read to the Association's Council in Committee. In this letter you referred to the "very able" presentation of the Association's case, and stated that you were "impressed . . . with the very thoroughly worked-out written submissions."

13. On 23rd September, 1954, the Association requested a Conference for the end of October.

14. On 5th October, 1954, you stated that you probably could not attend such a conference, but that you were asking the Director to fix a date.

15. In opening the National Party's election campaign in Christchurch, the

Right Honourable the Prime Minister stated in a broadcast address that the Government, if returned, would propose "bigger, better and more improved bursaries." Prior to this, the Dominion Conference of the National Party had passed a resolution supporting an increase in bursary payments.

16. On 26th October, 1954, the Association's Director of Education suggested a conference for 3rd November, which the Association agreed to. A lengthy memorandum was submitted to the Conference. Most of the points in the memo were tentatively agreed to by the seven Departmental officers present.

17. On 4th February, 1955, the Association supplied further information to the Department, and, in the following week, a final discussion was held with the Director of Education.

18. For the last five months, the Association has heard nothing officially except telephoned advice from your Secretary that no decision could be reached prior to the Association's Easter General Meeting. However, the Association understands that the matter has progressed as follows:—

(a) The Department reported to you in March.

(b) Within a short time, you referred the matter to the Treasury Department, sometime before Easter.

(c) The Treasury Department has made no report prior to the Association's request for an interview made on July 7th.

J. D. DALGETY
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14th July, 1955

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RE-ORGANISATION OF EXEC. DUTIES

The Executive and its sub-committees have recently been reorganised in an endeavour to distribute the Executive tasks more evenly among the members and to lighten one or two of the more burdensome loads, and also to provide a better service for students.

The sub-committees for controlling Capping Carnival and social functions have been the major ones affected. They have been altered by the addition of a number of Executive members more directly concerned with them, and this should result in these events becoming more integrated and more intimately a part of the Association.

The portfolios on the Executive are now distributed thus:

President.
Treasurer.
Secretary.
Woman Vice-President, who is also Chairman of Cafeteria Committee.
Man Vice-President, who is also Corresponding Member.
Chairman Women's House Committee.
Chairman Men's House Committee.
Capping Controller.
Social Controller.
Student Liaison Officer, who also handles such matters as Congress, Travel and Exchange, etc.
Sports Clubs Representative and Sports Club Secretary.
Societies' Representative and Societies' Secretary.
Engineering Representative.
Elam Representative.

Probably the biggest change as compared with recent years is that there are two people on the Executive who are solely concerned with all matters affecting Sports Clubs, and two concerned with all other Clubs, including Faculty Societies, Publications, etc. These four people between them handle all matters relevant to their particular bodies, such as grants, Tournament arrangements, etc., etc. This means that Clubs have now direct access to the Executive and any matters concerning them can be directed through the portfolio holders concerned.

Provision is also made for any individual students to have their problems handled by the Student Liaison Officer who will be particularly concerned with students who are not living at home and more especially of non-European origin.

N.Z.U.S.A. CONGRESS

This will be held in 1956 at Curious Cove, Queen Charlotte Sounds, from January 20th to 27th.

This congress the Chairman is Professor A. J. Danks, Associate Professor of Economics at C.U.C.

A tentative list of speakers is as follows:—

Dr. Merrill Moore: an American psychiatrist-poet.

Dr. A. Crowther: Senior Lecturer in Psychology, C.U.C.

Dr. T. Morton: Superintendent of the Christchurch Public Hospital. (Dr. Morton is at present a possibility, but not a probability.)

Dr. J. L. Moffatt: Lecturer in English, Christchurch Teacher's College.

Mr. Bernard Beeby: N.Z.B.S., or J. W. Hall—supervisor of talks, N.Z.B.S.

Prof. Belshaw: Professor of Economics, V.U.C.

Mr. Roger Mirams: Pacific Films.

Mr. B. C. Ashwin: until recently Secretary to the Treasury. (A possibility, but again not a probability.)

Prof. H. J. Hopkins: Prof. of Civil Engineering, C.U.C.

Dr. D. P. Kennedy: Medical Officer of Health, Christchurch.

The tariff will be £1 per person per day, and all applications must be in to Mrs Chisholm by October 14th, together with the £2 deposit. Pay the rest at Congress. Forms will be obtained from Mrs Chisholm.

The quota for Auckland has not yet been finalised, but watch the notice boards for further particulars. If in doubt, or want to know anything, contact Peter Gordon, Exec. room, or leave a note for him.

—PETER GORDON,
Student Liaison Officer.

ORIENTATION 1956

It seems probable that an Orientation Week will be staged again next year. This is held with the aim of introducing freshers into the ways of University life as quickly and as thoroughly as possible.

If it is to be a success, assistance will be required from as many SENIOR STUDENTS as possible. All that will be required will be an interest in what goes on, and a little effort during the first week next year.

This event can be very interesting and extremely rewarding for those taking part. If you are at all interested and think you may be able to help, watch the NOTICE BOARDS or inquire at the Exec. Room or Office for further developments.

TRAVEL AND EXCHANGE

Under the Travel and Exchange scheme between Australia and New Zealand, we are to expect Australian students here some time from early December till late January. These students will arrive in a chartered plane, while some will find their own way across the water.

When they arrive, they will be looked after for a day or two, until such time as they find their feet, a job and board. We can best help, by billeting them for a day or two until such time as we have helped them to find these things.

If you can be ready to doss down one, two, or more of these students, and be prepared to help them a bit, then contact Peter Gordon, Exec. Room. By doing this small service, you may be preparing the way for a return visit.

—PETER GORDON,
Student Liaison Officer.

TO BLOOD DONORS

The management committee and staff of the Auckland Blood Bank extend their grateful thanks to those hundred and eleven donors who gave their time and blood in the recent visit to the College.

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Join "Craccum" Staff for 1956

Applications are called for from those students who are interested in joining the staff of *Craccum* for 1956.

Pursuant to the recommendations of the current Editors which are included in a report brought down recently, a reorganisation of the paper is under consideration, and an expansion of the staff will probably be necessary.

There will be vacancies in the following positions:

SUB-EDITOR: This is to be primarily a technical position; the Sub-Editor will need to have a fair knowledge of printing techniques and, in particular, of newspaper lay-out. He will also be responsible for proof reading, and will supervise the proof-reading staff. A student who has had some experience of this side of printing would be the ideal choice, but anyone who is interested in this aspect of the paper, is invited to apply. The position is an interesting one, and also of vital importance to the publication.

EDITORIAL STAFF: There will be several vacancies on the Editorial Staff, including:

University News Editor.
Sports Editor.
Literary and Arts Editor.
International Editor.

There are two primary pre-requisites for these positions, a fairly wide knowledge of the subject and some literary ability. It will be the responsibility of these people to solicit copy for their section of the paper and to edit it. They will also be required to contribute copy themselves from time to time.

The University News Editor and Sports Editor will have the additional duty of supervising a staff of reporters.

REPORTERS: There is an increasing need for reporters on the paper. They will not be required to bear the responsibility of the Editorial staff, but will be needed for reporting events round the College, and to give a good coverage of the clubs and societies.

PROOF READERS: There will also be vacancies for students who are prepared to devote one night each two or three weeks to the paper by attending the "paste-up" when the paper is made up in its final form. Their duty will be to read the copy proofs and to make any corrections required.

Any students who would like to be reporters could also do proof-reading. This is often an advantage in that they are able to check their own copy.

DISTRIBUTION MANAGER: The duties of the Distribution Manager will be to receive *Craccum* on its delivery from the printer, to distribute copies around the College and to dispatch copies to those on the mailing list. He will also be responsible for filing all papers and other publications received from other universities, both New Zealand and overseas.

BUSINESS MANAGER: Depending upon developments over the holidays, there may be a vacancy for a Business Manager on the staff. His duties will of course pertain to the financial side of the paper, but should not be too onerous.

SECRETARY: There will be a great need for a Secretary, who must be a capable typist. The duties of the Secretary will include handling editorial correspondence, in particular for N.Z.U.S.-N.A. business; also typing out copy for the paper where this is required.

Women students should not be misled by the use of the masculine pronoun above. All applications from either men or women students will be treated alike, and indeed, it would be a happy situation if there were an equal representation on the staff of the paper.

To those students who submitted copy this year and were not members of the staff, a special invitation is extended to you, while present staff members will again be welcome.

Craccum is a worthwhile student activity, it is one which can be very rewarding; it provides a basis for social contact, and members of the staff enjoy the privilege of a convenient and comfortable room in the College grounds.

Don't be modest about your ability: if you are at all interested, write out your application now, address it to the Editor and place it in *Craccum* Box on Exec. Room door.

All applications should include the following details: Name, address, telephone number, position you are interested in (if there are more than one, state order of preference); faculty and year, and any relevant experience or activities. All applications should be submitted by Friday, 7th October.

DAVID STONE,
Editor, 1956.

Canterbury takes Shields

Shooting, Women's Hockey and Men's Indoor Basketball Outstanding.

Overall, the standard of play in this year's Tournament was good. Performances have been improving steadily over the years, and this year was no exception.

Shooting, perhaps, takes pride of place. Most of the Blues awarded were for performances higher than last year's highest score. Incidentally, *Brian Bradburn's* shooting Blue was one of the two Blues gained by A.U.C. players. That the standard was high can be judged by the fact that Brian was the top scorer for Auckland 'A' against Waikato; *Jack Frazer* was in a similar position for Auckland 'B'; and *Sue McBeth* was about the middle of the range in the Auckland women's team. And none of these shooters were at the top of the N.Z.U. list. The range at Otago is one of the best in the country, and of particular merit was the top score of 600.51, by V.U.C.'s *Ysabel Corkhill* in the I.C.I. Shield competition.

Women's hockey was also of a high standard, the Canterbury team in particular being strong, with an even strength, and a good combination. *Bev. Sanders*, of Auckland, an N.Z.U. reserve, is a member of the Auckland 'A' team.

The team which represented N.Z.U. in Men's Indoor Basketball was good; it lost to Otago by only one point (the bell beat them); and three of its members, *McRae* and *Bradley*, of C.U.C., and *Salt*, of V.U.C., are in the New Zealand team to play in Australia. Over the Tournament, however, there was a very wide range of ability, and the overall picture is not as rosy as it would at first appear.

In contrast with the men, the Women's Indoor Basketball standard was not at all high. The sport is in its infancy in so far as Tournament is concerned, and it is steadily improving, with a long way to go yet.

The Soccer standard, despite the atrocious state of the grounds, was not particularly good. Only one player, *Peter Feenstra*, of Canterbury, is known to have played for a provincial side, and the University standard does not rank high in the country. Men's Hockey earns the same general comments. The grounds were often not good, but even in the N.Z.U. versus Otago match, when they were good, the 'Varsity players were not at all impressive. Their draw with Otago was not a good indication.

Badminton, as yet a young 'Varsity sport, is improving, but has quite a way to go. Certain players, in particular *Jim Thompson*, of V.U.C., and *Miff Morris*, of Auckland, were pretty good, but there were no regular provincial players in the Tournament.

BADMINTON

The Tournament Badminton team went South having won the Reserved Grade Inter-club competition, but feeling the loss of our second lady, *Racwyn Dickson* who, through illness, was unable to travel. And the rumours circulated on the boat about the strength of the Victoria team were not particularly encouraging. But although the matches were fairly even, Auckland came through without a loss.

The team as a whole performed very well, but it was the strength in our doubles, and especially combined doubles, that turned the tables our way.

The outstanding player of the Tournament was *Miff Morris*, who won all her

in the foils, fencing standards were high, particularly *Tate*, of O.U., and *Diana Fussell*, of Victoria. The N.Z.U. women beat Otago. In the other branches of Fencing, sabre and epee, however, standards are not so high; sabre was played only unofficially, and epee is not yet included in Tournament.

Men's Table Tennis was of a high standard, with *Alan Robinson* (V.U.C.) and *George Gardiner*, of Auckland, being the best. The women, however, were weak.

Warren Travers, of Auckland, was the bright star in the Harrier field. He has beaten *Bailey* and *Cunningham*, who finished 13th and 7th respectively in the National event, and he won the 'Varsity' championship decisively. He is ranked in the first 15 in New Zealand. No other runner impressed greatly, but the general standard was quite good. *Warren* gained a Blue, Auckland's only other one, for his effort.

Golf standards were pretty good. *Peter Carter*, of Victoria, was the shining light; he improved over the Tournament, and shot successive 73's on the final day. The selector thought the course was playing about 74, so the inference is obvious. *Brian Treacy*, of Auckland, and *Barry Boon*, of Victoria, were two others who impressed.

Socially, the Tournament was a little quieter than Easter, but Otago were very good hosts. The only major complaint could be about the weather. How any former Otago resident can claim a good climate, for that not so fair city, and even hold up his head, is hard to understand.

—SPORTS EDITOR.

singles convincingly and played first lady for N.Z.U. against Otago. Our second lady, *Suzanne McEwen*, also made the N.Z.U. team.

Our top man, *Derek Light*, was disappointing in his singles performances, but improved in his doubles and combines. He, perhaps more than anyone else, was troubled by the concrete floor.

But the crucial game in the whole Tournament was the fourth combines against Otago. *John Mitchell* and *Wendy Strickett* went on the court knowing that they had to win if Auckland was to beat Otago. Honours were shared in the first two sets, the third set becoming a trial of nerves with the score at 10-11; from there Auckland went on to take the set and game without further loss.

From all points of view the performance of the Badminton team was very pleasing and the hard work which went into practising our doubles and combines was well rewarded. Bad luck other colleges, but what about providing a shield for us?

HARRIERS

Although Auckland was first to have four men home, when points were added up C.U.C. with 3rd, 4th, 7th and 14th (*P. Joyce*, *L. Scott*, *D. Pringle*, *B. Carrell*) beat us by one point—29 to 28. Auckland's placings were 1st, 8th, 9th, 11th (*W. Travers*, *P. Aimer*, *T. Russell*, *D. Smith*). This result makes it the third successive year that Auckland has been runner-up in this race. For the North Island Cup the fifth man in the team is counted and *B. Davis* at 15th gave us a clear win over Victoria. *G. Robinson*, the sixth member of our team, was 17th. Last year's winners, V.U.C., were unfortunate in that *G. Stevens* was injured at the National Cross-Country Champs the previous Saturday, thus greatly weakening their team. They were third with 36 points.

Warren Travers' N.Z.U. Blue was well deserved. He has been running very well all season and won the University Championship decisively. He led all the way, gradually increasing his lead over *T. Douss*, of O.U., to win by almost a minute.

Gentlemen?

Two "gentlemen" runners, *Peter Boag* and *Peter Barnett*, did not complete the course, but qualified for the Harrier Dinner. In spite of a very muddy course the excellent hospitality of the O.U. Club, both at the "Bowling Green" and at the Dinner (not forgetting "The Shambles"), ensured that everyone enjoyed the day's sport.

DRAMA

On both nights, Allen Hall was filled to capacity. Overall, the standard of acting was good, and the audiences were well satisfied with the entertainment offered.

The judge, Mrs. Madge Moffett, placed two plays, "Antigone" (O.U.) and "The Farce of Master Pierre Parkelin" (C.U.C.) first with V.U.C.'s "The Art of Being Happily Married" in third place.

Mrs. Moffett felt that the two winning plays were happy choices, while some of the others were not. This latter applied to A.U.C.'s "The Mask" by Anne Ridler. Of that, more anon.

The playing of "Antigone" contained some fine characterisations. The play gives contemporary treatment of an ancient myth. Canterbury's effort was an intricate play, well staged in a simple setting, and it was given an intelligent interpretation.

"Heaven on Earth," presented by Massey, was a play of poor literary merit. The actors failed to use the stage sufficiently, and their too few movements and actions were very stiff, almost self-conscious; in many instances, very masculine. The actors tended to address the stage rather than the audience. The scenery, too, could have been improved.

However, Massey are to be congratulated on their enterprise in staging a play. They seldom enter this field of Tournament activity, and it was good to see them in both Drama and Debating.

Victoria's "The Art of Being Happily Married" was a better choice of play. *John Marchant* (Professor) gave some

excellent characterisation, and his performance was very clear. Two others who were very talented were *Heather Scoullie* and *Laurie Atkinson* (Phillips).

The modern verse drama "The" presented by A.U.C., was an attempt at a difficult play. Mrs. was apparently not well pleased; many others considered the Auckland performance to be very good. The opinion of the play itself appeared to influence her opinion of its presentation.

Karen Bell, as Sussana, was one of the play good, but near the end tended to allow her voice to die close of her sentences. *Brian* moved extremely well as Margaret, used her stage to advantage. She had a clear voice and played a difficult part well. The Prompter, played by *G. Nixon*, received praise for his speech, and his handling of the very difficult parts well.

The movement throughout the play was good and the mechanics of it were done. The scenery showed touches of originality, and was well cut. Throughout, all players played their difficult parts well.

TROPHY WINNERS

The Canterbury University was awarded the Tournament Cup. Other trophies, awards and cups won as follows:

Association Football Trophy: Victoria; Auckland, Canterbury and Otago each team winning two matches.

Pember Reeves Challenge Shield: women's hockey: Canterbury.

Seddon Challenge Stick for hockey: Otago.

Women's Indoor Basketball Cup: Otago.

Men's Indoor Basketball Cup: Victoria; I.C.I. Shield for small-bore rifle: Canterbury.

Otago Fencing Shield: Victoria; Dixon Trophy for the winners of cross-country teams' race: Canterbury.

Sermyngear Cup for the winners of cross-country race: W. Travers (Auckland).

Shackleford Cup for the North Island winners in the cross-country race: Canterbury.

Carmalt Jones Cup for the Otago Island winners in the cross-country race: Canterbury.

Table Tennis Shield: Victoria; Balmaceven Golf Cup for the winners of the teams' match: Otago.

Canterbury Cup for the winners of championship golf: H. Carver (Victoria).

Drama Cup: Otago and Canterbury (equal).

The Wooden Spoon for the University with the fewest points gained during the tournament was won by Auckland University College. Massey and Lincoln Agricultural Colleges were not eligible for the wooden spoon as they did not enter teams in all the events.

FENCING

This year the Otago Fencing Shield was won by V.U.C., with O.U. second and C.U.C. third.

O.U. won the Men's section V.U.C. second, but V.U.C. won the Women's with A.U.C. second.

Auckland's men's team lacked the experience of the other colleges and did not win a game; and it was left to O.U. V.U.C. to provide a good, fast display of fencing. There were tense battles between *Tait* (O.U.) and *Ellis*, of Victoria; *Chan*, of Otago and *Ellis*, and *Mc* from Otago, and *Beeby*, from Victoria.

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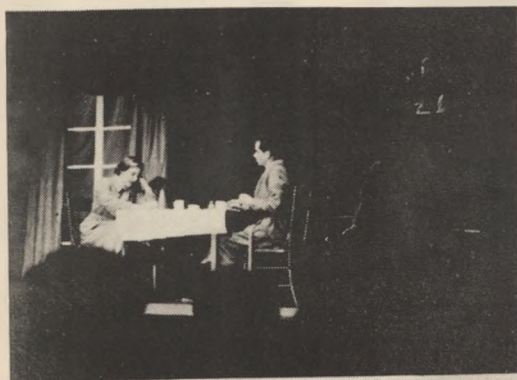
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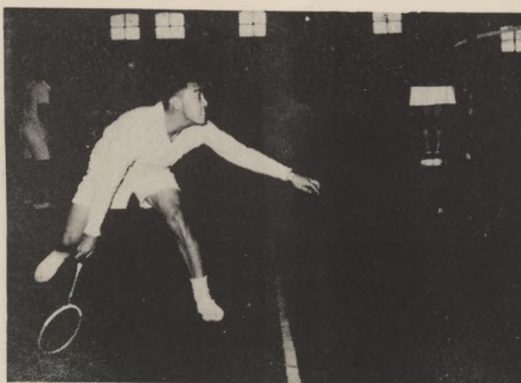
The Happily Married Pair from V.U.C.



Helen Wilkinson, V.U.C., goes for a high one.

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Stephen Low, O.U., waits for a low one.



A determined pack at the start of the cross country.



C.U.C. on defence against Massey's determined attack.



Happy and unmarried, you can do anything you like...



Warren Travers, A.U.C., winning cross country.



B.W. Symington, C.U.C., smashing across the net.

Canterbury takes Shield

From all points of view the performance was excellent characterisation, and his



Otago notches a goal against Victoria.



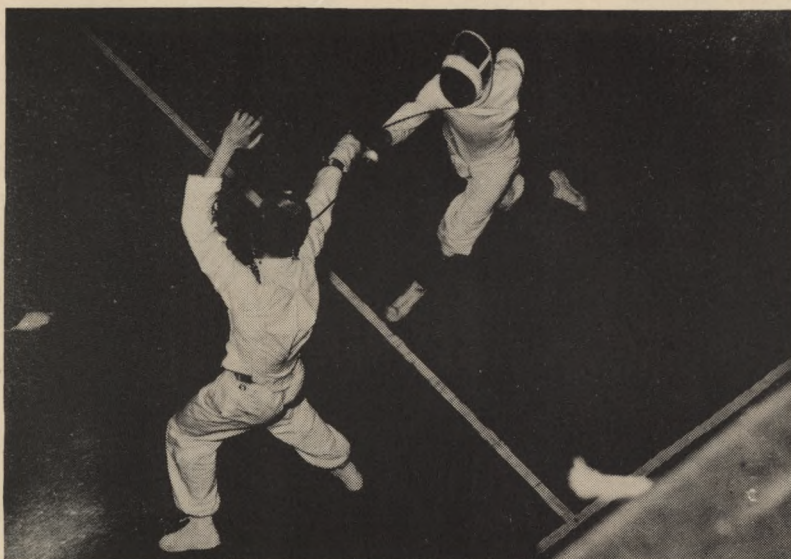
Victoria's victorious indoor basketballers.



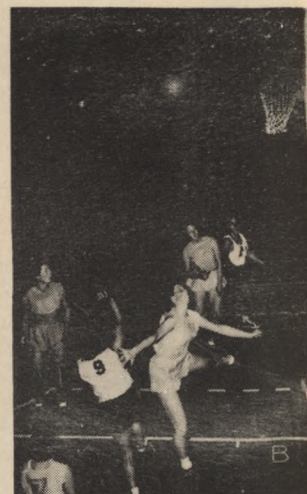
SOCCER: Let's be statuesque says a muddy goalie.



I.A. McRae, C.U.C., poised to shoot.



ASSAULT AT ARMS: J. French, A.U.C., crosses a foil with a Canterbury man.



I. Bowman, A.U.C., and Margaret Elms, O.U., battle for the ball.

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STAN WOODING & PETER SANDERS.



The social whirl: CANTA staff (et al.) relax.



The Otago girls break through and score against Australia.



WOW! The pace is hot, says this Auckland lass.

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ion, and hisbury, however, almost upset the lions in their first match. The was eight all, with O.U. winning after a count-back.

A.U.C. women's team did well, only to a strong team from Victoria. Miss B. Diack was most successful with only two losses and was in the team, for the second time. Despite that Miss J. Denman (O.U.) was throughout the Tournament, came last, being beaten even by experienced Canterbury team.

Representative Play
Tuesday night the N.Z.U. team Otago-Southland, winning the 1-7 and women's 13-3. Tait very well for 'Varsity, being und while Murphy and Sharpe, of Otago-Southland team, had only one each. Miss D. Fussell (N.Z.U.) all her bouts and had only four scored against her. Mrs. Mitchell well for the combined team, losing one bout, as did Misses J. Denman, and B. Diack for University.

Wednesday night a Sabre competition was held. The bouting was not high standard, but all contestants themselves. Next year this will be an official part of the Tournament and points for Fencing will total 10 as at present.

GOLF

Unfortunately the weather was kind for Golf Tourney, and some good scores registered over the tough Balmacewen course.

A.U.C. team was unfortunate this that only two players of our pre-powerful combinations were available—Brian Treacy and Barney Coyle. Pointon and Trevor Coxon were to make the trip. The team was mented by two 12-handicappers, Blong and David Drew, and each tted himself quite creditably (on the course). We ran third to O.U. and U. in stroke-play and second to C. in match-play.

Hurley (O.U.), a former Auckland, played astonishingly well on the day in winning the Gross Medal (knowledge?). He was also the N.Z.U. winner in the match against go, which was won by Otago 5-1. Carver (V.U.C.), showing a fine t-play temperament, improved with round to win the Championship. He successive 73's on the last day.

Treacy played soundly throughout the week and fought a hard but uphill struggle in the final. He was considered a little unlucky not to be won, but no one could begrudge his fine victory. Treacy lost his in the N.Z.U.-Otago game only ly. Barney Coyle qualified comfortably in the Championship, but bowed the 19th hole in the first round. er fought a close semi-final in the Championship Plate. Laurie Blong the semi-final of the Handicap but after his defeat he played as probably the fastest round of his career when he sank the whole in a fraction over ten minutes. were not impressed.

Drew missed qualifying for the Championship only on the count-back, he, too, fell a victim to Otago who, who incidentally won all the handicaps. Except in one notable case now, the Otago handicaps do seem liberal, but we must thank the Golf Club for the tournament which so admirably ran (also for their

warm hospitality) and remind them that they have the Balmacewen Cup only on loan from A.U.C. till '56.

DEBATING

Taken over all, the standard of debating was high. Massey, to the surprise of many, won the Joynt Scroll. Owing to lack of space, only Auckland's debate is reported.

The third debate: "That it is in the Best Interests of New Zealand's Farming to provide a form of Guaranteed Prices for its Products", seemed rather technical. But a few sentences got across—Miss A. Ryan (M.A.C.): "The farmer has a steady productive capacity." "The farmer is intrinsically vulnerable to fluctuating returns..." "We advocate keeping the 10/- the same all the time" (slight misquote). "Farmers face greater risks—risks over which they have no control." "We are insulting the divinity that is in human nature." Miss Ryan felt that the opposition had been "swimming about in roseate dreams in a pond." But Grierson, of A.U.C., said: "I attempted to drag their thoughts from the realms of dreamland to the realms of hard fact." Maybe they had studied different economic text-books.

Mr. Grierson seemed a little unrealistic when it came to dealing with the "hard facts" of farm life, etc., etc. (pigs and butterfat). Mr. Lang was his usual deliberate self—he sounded as though he knew what he was arguing about and integrated his answers to points made by the opposition very well. We were glad to notice that this speaker, at least, did not obscure our view of the chairman, Dr. Howard, even if he did remain rooted stiffly to one spot.

Mr. Guest (Judge) commented on the lack of gesturing throughout the debates and on the monotony of the few gestures which were used. Both Massey speakers seemed very much at ease on the stage. Mr. McPhail's strolling about seemed quite natural. Miss A. Ryan combined her ranting declamations with fascinating sweeps of her arms and rampages across the stage. A most interesting speaker, but was she really a good debater?

Miss Clark, of O.U., was praised for her polish and persuasiveness. Her speech, we felt, was beautifully prepared and beautifully delivered, but we had believed, apparently incorrectly, that in debating one should take considerable notice of what preceding speakers had said and use one's pre-prepared theories for a speech composed during the debate.

Results:—1st, Massey. Massey defeated Auckland. Canterbury defeated Victoria. Otago defeated Lincoln. Individual: 1st, Miss A. Ryan, Massey. 2nd, Miss R. Clark, Otago.

MEN'S INDOOR BASKETBALL

Congratulations to Victoria University for their convincing win in the men's series. Their team of bigger men had a definitely superior combination and were sound in all phases of play. The teams of the other Colleges had excellent individual players. The Auckland boys, D. Hunt, J. Nicholls, G. Statham and R. Nelson played consistently well in all their matches.

C.U.C. defeated A.U.C. 71-26

The loss of Auckland's first game can be attributed to their lack of crisp passing, and inaccurate shooting. The incurance of many penalties also tended to slow the game up.

O.U. defeated M.A.C. 51-36

In a keenly contested game Otago proved too strong for Massey, although the small Massey player D. Chan was outstanding and not at all overshadowed by the Otago representatives, D. Sabistan and G. Alabaster, who played excellent games.

V.U.C. defeated C.A.C. 94-26

Lincoln entered a team in the competition for the first time, but their lack of experience led them to make too many mistakes, particularly in defensive play. For Victoria the captain, R. Salt, and E. Wright were accurate shooters.

V.U.C. defeated A.U.C. 35-31

The Victoria team proved much too strong for Auckland, both on attack and defence, and again Victoria's accurate shooting was a feature of the game.

A.U.C. defeated O.U. 41-31

Auckland's first win was well merited. In a closely-contested and exciting game both teams had about equal possession of the ball and the half-time score was 14-11 in favour of Auckland, showed the evenness of the teams. B. Greene played well for Otago, as did R. Nelson, D. Hunt and P. Reid for Auckland.

N.Z.U. BLUES

Cross-country: W. Travers (A.U.C.). Fencing: M. J. Tait (O.U.), Miss D. Fussell (V.U.C.).

Men's Basketball: B. J. Bradley (C.U.C.), R. Salt (V.U.C.), I. T. McRae (C.U.C.).

Table Tennis: A. Robinson (V.U.C.). Women's Hockey: Miss B. A. Vezer (C.U.C.), Miss S. M. Boomer (C.U.C.), Miss M. A. Edwards (C.U.C.).

Rifle Shooting: D. Knight (O.U.), Miss Y. Corkill (V.U.C.), R. Rowley (O.U.), R. W. Kingsley (C.U.C.), B. Bradburn (A.U.C.), C. A. Harris (C.U.C.).

Men's Hockey: K. Patel (O.U.).

Golf: H. Carver (V.U.C.).

Athletics: G. Kerr (O.U.).

In Auckland's final two games they defeated both Massey and Lincoln. In the deciding game of the series V.U.C. defeated O.U. 63-39, giving V.U.C. an unbeaten record.

N.Z.U. "A" v. Otago

On the final night a large crowd, including many wildly enthusiastic students, witnessed the playing of the N.Z.U. matches. The attraction of the evening was the extremely close and exciting match between the N.Z.U. "A" team and Otago, with the final score being Otago 46 and N.Z.U. 45. For the Universities' team the captain, B. Bradley, was the outstanding scorer. The game was fast with Otago excelling in accurate shooting, and only Universities' determined defensive play held down their score.

Dunedin Mercantile defeats N.Z.U. "B"

A 51-28 victory for the Mercantile team was due again to more accurate shooting and generally better control of the ball. Auckland's J. Nicholls and Otago's J. Lester and B. Greene were the main scorers for University.

SOCCER

Winter Tournament, 1955, opened with a nasty shock for Auckland, when before the Northerners had yet dirtied their shorts in the murky waters of Logan Park, C.U.C. scored their first goal. A.U.C., anxiously tense, fought back to lead 2-1, but eventually went down 4-2. However, next day saw something of their home town co-ordination when Phil Paynter, playing a grand all-round game and backed up by that tournament

veteran, Graeme Thornley, led his mud-died oafs to an exciting 1-0 victory over O.U. After this, Wednesday's 3-0 win over V.U.C. was rather an anti-climax, highlighted, however, by a goal just before time by full-back Colin Campbell, who throughout the week admirably restrained his tendency to wander. Otago meanwhile defeated Canterbury and thus the triple dead-heat for Soccer Shield, which incidentally was safely carried off to the North.

Congratulations on N.Z.U. selection go to Scotty Wright, apparently revelling in the atrocious conditions; Paul Micallef, always able to conjure up a few square feet of dry turf to weave about in, and Phil Paynter, pivot of the team.

Robin Kirk, too, played some nice football in the dry patches of the left-wing, and he, with Graeme Thornley, and the ever-reliable Phil Viskovic, deserved N.Z.U. selection.

Both on and off the field a happier and more vocally gifted side would be hard to imagine, and with most of the team returning next year, Christchurch should be the scene of some good singing and some good football. P.S.—We must here mention, too, the reserves who rolled up every time and blew "the horn." Better luck next year!

MEN'S HOCKEY

O.U. won the Seddon Challenge Stick this year with eight points, V.U.C. was second with six, and Canterbury ran third with four points. Otago did not lose a match, and their 'B' team also played well, although their games did not count for the championship.

Although Auckland did not gain a place, and only won two of the five matches played, we had four players in the N.Z.U. team—N. Harris, W. Teesdale, E. Percival and G. Swift. There was only one hockey Blue, K. Patel, of Otago.

A.U.C. v. M.A.C.

Auckland won this match, played under atrocious conditions which made play slow and difficult. Massey fielded a much stronger team than last year, and despite the score this was a fairly even match, with both teams making repeated attacks on the other's defence. It was the better defence of the Auckland team that won the match. Neither side combined well, both relying on individual speed. Percival and Teesdale played well for Auckland, and Swift initiated many attacks. Goals were scored by Moore (3), Forbes (2), Hawthorne, Swift and Teesdale, A.U.C. winning 8-1.

A.U.C. v. V.U.C.

This was the last game of the day, and the consequence was that the ground was very sticky and muddy. Victoria's forwards were fast and attacked persistently, and proved too good for Auckland's defence. In the difficult conditions Victoria showed superior ball control. Harris and Teesdale played well again, adapting themselves to the play needed. Swift and Maddock both took the ball up several times, but could not get it into the circle. Victoria won this match 5-1.

A.U.C. v. C.U.C.

In a slow game Canterbury, with a better combination, beat Auckland, despite the fact that play throughout was mostly in the Canterbury half. The C.U.C. forwards were fast and combined well, but the Auckland vanguard could not get into the circle. The second half speeded up, but the sticky ground made fast open play impossible. Percival and Swift scored Auckland's goals. Teesdale

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and Percival tackled well, and Harris made several good saves.

O.U. 'A' v. A.U.C.

In an open and fast game on a drying ground Otago's 'A' team beat A.U.C. 6-1. Both sides attacked consistently, but it was Otago, with better positional play, and who generally held the territorial advantage, who won. Their defence was too good for the Auckland forwards. Although Swift made several dashes, Otago's forwards penetrated the circle more, and their better passing and combination in the circle made them certain of victory. Moore scored A.U.C.'s only goal.

N.Z.U. v. OTAGO

This was a fast game, with good stick-work a feature on both sides. The ground was better than before. Play was mostly in the 'Varsities' half, and the team combined well. At half time, the score was 2-1 in 'Varsities' favour, but Otago evened soon after. Although both sides had several near attempts at goaling, the score remained at 2-2.

WOMEN'S INDOOR BASKETBALL

The teams in this competition were fairly evenly matched and the superiority of the leading teams, Otago and Victoria, lay only in their ability to make faster breaks and to claim more rebounds.

A.U.C. defeated C.U.C. 23-22

This was a close and exciting game between two fast teams. I. Bowman, for A.U.C., was particularly outstanding, and her consistent play throughout the series well earned her a place as vice-captain of the N.Z.U. team.

O.U. defeated A.U.C. 20-14

Another closely-contested game in which Otago just had the edge on Auckland, particularly in defensive play.

V.U.C. defeated A.U.C. 25-19

After a half-time score of 16-14 in favour of Victoria their faster passing and excellent defense proved too much for their Auckland girls. Again I. Bowman played extremely well and was ably supported by M. Love and J. Hames, but they were not quite strong enough to better their final score of 19-25.

NEW ZEALAND UNIVERSITY GAMES

N.Z.U. v. Otago (Women)

The 42-25 score does not give a true indication of the game. Both teams played evenly and consistently with Otago's advantage lying in their faster movement and more practised tactics.

SHOOTING

The Shooting Controller must be warmly congratulated on the conduct of the 1955 shooting. Quite apart from the fact that one of the best of the country's ranges was made available, the standard of efficiency and hospitality will be difficult to rival in the future.

I.C.I. Shield: A team of four shooters firing six cards each. C.U.C. had a well-merited win, the placings being as follows:—

1. C.U.C. 2,387; 2. O.U. 2,372; 3. A.U.C. 2,371; 4. V.U.C. 2,365; 5. C.A.C. 2,352; 6. M.A.C. 2,329.

A high standard was expected; even so the results were surprising. It is interesting to note that the previous record score was 2,371! The following individual performances are worthy of mention: Ysabel Corkhill (V.U.C.), 600.51; Dave Knight (O.U.), 599.46; Gordon Hasell (C.U.C.), 599.45; Brian Bradburn (A.U.C.), 599.39.

North v. South

All the A.U.C. team were selected for the North Island team which this year

was fairly conclusively beaten by the South Island.

N.Z.U. v. Otago

The N.Z.U. team this year was probably the strongest team ever fielded and our hopes were high. Otago, one of the strongest provinces in the smallbore world, turned on a very good shoot, beating the N.Z.U. team by five points. Brian Bradburn, Jack Fraser and Tony Main-gay were the A.U.C. members who made the N.Z.U. team.

Brian is to be congratulated on getting an N.Z.U. Blue. Brian, Jack and Tony were nominated for Blues. Dave Knight (O.U.) was the highest individual scorer, shooting 999 out of 1,000; a truly remarkable performance.

In conclusion it can be safely said that the A.U.C. team exceeded any of the hopes it went away with. Everyone did very well indeed. Our thanks to O.U.; may we soon meet them again. (You will—Sp. Ed.)

TABLE TENNIS

Victoria once again proved too strong in table tennis, and with the fast attacking game which is played in Wellington, had little trouble in winning the teams' competition. Auckland, although defeated by Victoria early, defeated Otago, who had been beaten by Canterbury.

In the Men's Singles, George Gardiner, of A.U.C., took the N.Z.U. champion. Allan Robinson, of V.U.C., to five closely-fought sets. Elsom Sang, of A.U.C., surprised by defeating D. Lye, of O.U., and thereby entering the semi-finals. Both Gardiner and Sang made the N.Z.U. team, which was beaten by Otago Province.

The A.U.C. girls, Heather Petrie and Maureen Sang, provided the big surprise for the Auckland team when they won the Women's Doubles Championship.

WOMEN'S HOCKEY

The big surprise was the defeat of O.U., which finished third to C.U.C. and A.U.C. Several of O.U.'s top players have this year transferred to C.U.C. In spite of the handicap of having only five members of the regular senior team, A.U.C. acquitted itself well. The fact that the team had not played together before was evident in the early games, particularly among the forwards. The defence played extremely well throughout, but the forwards on the whole lacked the combination and penetration required to follow up their advantages. The improvement in the later games was marked. Another weakness was the tendency to put the ball right on to the opposition sticks instead of drawing a player and placing passes carefully.

A.U.C. was unfortunate in meeting the eventual winners, C.U.C., first and having to play under atrocious conditions in very soft mud and large pools of water. Canterbury adapted themselves better to the conditions and won 4-0.

Next day play was transferred to the much firmer fields at the Oval. Things looked well for Auckland in the match against Australian Universities when centre-half Beverley Saunders scored the first goal with a beautiful hard shot from the edge of the circle. The tourists played a very different type of hockey, bustling more, particularly in the circle. In the second half they scored quickly, winning by seven goals to one.

Auckland had its first taste of victory by defeating V.U.C. 3-1. After the first ten minutes Nancy Jenkinson scored from a scramble in the goal mouth. Rosemary Waters followed in quickly with another goal. V.U.C. scored immediately afterwards, 2-1. Each team attacked alternately in the second half and Kay Hewitt clinched the A.U.C. win with another goal.

The run of good fortune continued when A.U.C. beat O.U. 2-1. Mid-way

UNIVERSITY WINS RUGBY CHAMPIONSHIP

After a very successful season University has been acclaimed as the leading Rugby club in Auckland. This position has been achieved after winning both the senior and third grade championships, and being narrowly defeated in the trophy section of second grade. Unfortunately the Club is not as strong as it may be, and this article is written with the aim of interesting students in 'Varsity sporting activities and to dispell the rumour that the Rugby Club is out of touch with the University.

This year's football ended on a championship note for the seniors after defeating both Victoria and Massey Colleges, they concluded the season by taking the Auckland championship crown. Well coached and well led, the team at times rose to magnificent heights and on other times to mediocrity. However, attack through the backs based on solid times uninteresting play up in front, made the team attractive and interesting to watch. Eleven members of the team have gained representation honours during the season, and that, plus their championship win, indeed be gratifying and rewarding to their coach, Neil Lawrence.

Nat Uluiviti's great displays on the wing, Norm Brown's dependable and often brilliant displays at fullback, plus some fine tight play in the forwards have been the overall highlights of the season. One forward, in particular, deserves special mention; that is Peter Irvine. His play was unspectacular, and as a consequence often went unmentioned, but his play in the championship final showed how necessary he had been to the overall success of his team. Peter is a great club man and an integral part of the team's play both on and off the field.

Well done, seniors, for you have won by playing spectacular football. At the same time it is interesting to note that this year only two of the regular team would not have been eligible for tournament competition. This team then truly represented A.U.C., a claim which few other universities in New Zealand can make.

Lower Grades Win Well

The 3rd Grade team for the second year in succession won their championship; this year by eight points. To a large extent this victory is due to their coach, Gordon Gilmore, who has trained several of the club's most promising players.

The strength of this side lay in their ability to play as a team when facing their most formidable opponents. Nevertheless, without such stalwarts as Bob Graham, John Scott and Morris Godwin in the forwards, and Dave Botting and Neil Simmonds in the backs, the story may have been a different one. Of the new players who joined the team this season Grahame Mansergh's play showed most improvement, and he should be a valuable player next season. With such a wealth of potential players from this team it is reasonable to suggest that University will maintain its position as a leading Rugby club for several seasons to come.

O'Rorke were a much better team than their record suggests. But for lack of opportunities to practice, and defaults during the holidays they would have been well up on the championship ladder. The defence often contained gaps, especially

through the first half a good run by left-wing Nancy Jenkinson resulted in her centred shot being netted by right-wing Rosemary Waters. The O.U. forwards attacked strongly and goalie Margaret Evans made some magnificent saves. O.U. evened the score just before half-time. The A.U.C. forwards missed several opportunities of shooting, but their chance came when their attack drew the O.U. 'keeper from the goal and Janet Cooper followed in and scored.

Nancy Jenkinson was nominated as a trialist for the N.Z.U. team, but was not

against forward rushes, but it proved adequate. Bruce Beattie thrust into the backline while Morris was a determined centre. Oswald scored most of the points, his place kicking and with his defence and generalship was the key. Arthur Young led the forwards and played hard in the tight, giving Lloyd good support in the lineout. Dreaver and Terry Batten were good forwards, while Dave Larnach was vigorous and tough (if not particularly intelligent).

Team Spirit Excellent

Although not as successful as teams in the club the 3B's have had an interesting and enjoyable season. In the first round, although securing a win and a draw in fourteen matches, the team severely tested some of the teams with their rugged forward play and stern defence. However, in the second round they have redeemed themselves and have not suffered a defeat so far. The football played over the season has been of an uneven character, times rising to heights of brilliance at other times sinking to a low level. However, win or lose, the boys have maintained an excellent team spirit, this is much to the credit of their captain Ken Greville.

With perhaps the best pack in the Second Grade competition, and a keen, if not brilliant back, the 2A team this season has been an improvement on that fielded in previous years. Practices were well attended throughout the season, and two players, Peter Seagar and Peter Casey, rep. honours. Grant Keen, another tainty for the rep. side, was unfortunately not available. Coached by Colin and efficiently led by Murray Vane, this team has been the centre of club functions, and has shown an excellent spirit throughout the season.

This, as you will agree, is a great achievement, and one that we all should be proud of. So next season, renew your allegiance to 'Varsity and turn-out wearing the blue colours, come and support one of the teams.

—MYLES B. HYND

available for selection. Margaret Lock gained a place in the team and Lund and Beverley Saunders were reserves.

N.Z.U. versus Australian Universities This was a fast open game on a heavy field; extremely good for the end of a strenuous tournament played on heavy grounds. N.Z.U. the initiative and playing with the in the first half led 5-0 at half-time. Then the Australians scored four in quick succession, the final result being 5-4 to N.Z.U.

Correspondent writes . . .

We All Share In Murder

In arguing against capital punishment, one must meet all arguments that defend it.

But, to clarify the argument, one must know what crimes one is arguing about. Very few nowadays would try to justify hanging for theft done in medieval England, and as late as the 19th century. Few of us would feel happy about capital punishment even for treason in time of war, since we are aware that people called traitors may, in their own minds, be acting from interests higher than those of their country, right or wrong. We can believe in the infallibility of their Cabinet.

When we speak of capital punishment, we are usually thinking of punishment for murder. And in arguing against capital punishment for this crime we run against strongly emotional arguments.

Before we throw down the glove, let us consider what is the purpose of the punishment inflicted by the law. The law and the punishments it inflicts, exist to preserve a reasonably well-ordered society. Such a society should be made up of people who live and work together in the interests of, at least, the community. If an individual, or a small section of the community, acts against the interests of the majority, the majority claims the right to restrain that individual, or section of society.

A murderer, who takes the life of another man, whether he knows him intimately or whether he is a complete stranger, is taking a life he has no right to take, since he did not begin it. Only the man who began a life can end it; or, if he is not a Christian, only biology: he must not another man, who did not begin his own life.

The State, in trying a murderer, has to consider two possible consequences of the punishment: first, whether he is likely to kill other people and, if so, how they should be protected from him; and, second, whether other individuals, who hate the murderer, are likely to be provoked by the act of the murderer, to commit further murders.

Another consideration should concern the State. If Moses said an eye for an eye, it is not for the State to say it. When Moses said an eye for an eye, he was saying, in effect, not a life for an eye; a life for a life, agreed, but an eye for an eye. In the historical situation, Moses was assisting the community towards a humane view of punishment.

It is not for the State to demand an eye for an eye, or a life for a life. The law was not made to exact revenge. The law is rightly concerned when a member of the community dies prematurely and violently; but its concern is not to see that the man who caused his death should also die prematurely and violently. The law was not made to be vindictive; it was developed, over centuries, to protect the community.

The State should consider only two possible consequences of the murder, and the first is, whether the murderer is likely to kill other people. It is clear that if the murderer can be shown to be unstable that he is likely to threaten others, to any person he dislikes or disobeys, then society has to be protected from him. This can be done in two ways: the murderer can be subjected to psychoanalytical treatment and perhaps helped by it. If this does not suc-

ceed, then he must be put where he is no danger to society; whether in a prison, or asylum, or free to wander a reservation does not matter, so long as he threatens no one's life.

However, most murders are committed not by psychotics but by normal people, people as normal as ourselves, people whose passions have been stirred beyond the straining-point, whether they themselves are to blame for straining their passions or whether the murdered person has provoked them. Most murders, in fact, are understandable; I do not say excusable, but understandable; which explains why newspapers devote so much space to the details of murder trials.

Here, the State has to face this question: If we let this person, whose motives we all sympathise with, be reprieved out of mercy, then the next thing we know, many other people, perhaps even we ourselves, will be tempted to act on the impulse, kill someone we hate and try our luck on legal procedure, which we have good reason to expect to be generous. The State thinks its duty is to discourage the assumption that it will act towards the murderer like his counsel for the defence. Punishment, it is said, should be a deterrent.

Is hanging just?

Is this just? One man is hung in order to save other men from their own temptations, for which the man hung is not in the least guilty. This argument would imply that, once the need for deterrence might be finished, then the murder itself would not justify hanging.

The point to raise is: does, in fact, hanging discourage murder?

The evidence of the figure of murders in the 30-odd states without capital punishment indicates that there is no great difference between the rate of murders in their populations and the rate in countries that commit capital punishment. Statistics, it may be objected, can lie. But in this question, statistics are simple and uncomplicated: they are easily checked, and directly relatable to the number of the population. The only difficulty is to be able to compare the rates of murder in both kinds of countries over a sufficient and representative enough number of years.

So far as can be deduced there is no reason to think that either capital punishment or the absence of capital punishment, noticeably increases or decreases the proportion of murders in the population.

Some people, psychotic admittedly, are encouraged by the glory and publicity given to the murder, and by the glorification in films, comics and pulp fiction, of criminals. So that some murders are encouraged, rather than deterred by capital punishment.

Auckland's second milk bar murderer was certainly not deterred by the hanging of Foster.

Then, if the State is satisfied that the murderer murdered the victim for a particular purpose, and consequently, is no more likely to murder anyone else than anyone neither in custody nor suspected; and if the State finds that the absence of capital punishment is no deterrent for murders committed in passion, then the State must reconsider the purpose of hanging, with all its misery, with its consequent and attendant unpleasantness of hiring a civil servant in a black mask to tighten a knot around another man's neck and spring a trap under his feet to break it.

Edward Foster, we hear, went sobbing to a death neither he wanted nor did his killers have any personal interest in; yet he was hung. It could not have been a pleasant sight. It could not have been a pleasant experience, especially for Foster.

Yet the State does this. The State hires men to execute this inhumanity to people who, before the murder, were our fellow citizens. And we should realise that the State is us. L'Etat, c'est nous. It is we who killed Foster.

Foster was an English immigrant. He was young and good-natured. A student who boarded with him some time ago says he was one of the easiest people to get along with.

All the same he killed the girl he loved, and in a way that was more repugnant to read about than his own death; perhaps, because it was without warning, less unpleasant an experience than his own death, but bloodier and messier. But does a dying girl care about the mess?

The prosecution presented him as a man who loved and left, who broke one woman's heart as easily as he seduced the next one. We are too easily influenced by newspaper reports. If many of us were to consult our own experience we could name one or two acquaintances who make love as easily and as lightly. It is not a crime, and this consideration is irrelevant to the question, whether he should have been hung.

What is relevant to this question, is his intention. The girl he killed was the one he fell deeply in love with. His counsel says that he refused to allow anything to be said against her, or against his wife, whom he left in Australia because she would not leave the home of parents he could not get along with.

If this is true, it puts a different complexion on things. He argued, too, that he planned to make a romantic exhibition of his despair, to get run in for letting his gun off harmlessly so that he could declare his passion to the country. You can argue that that would have been silly, but sillier things have been done in passion. There remains a strong element of doubt whether Foster intended to kill his girl.

The truth of the situation is that in the best of societies, the execution of law is not impartial. The law itself is impartial, the machinery of administration of justice is impartial. But the law is interpreted through the minds of jurymen whose judgments are influenced by ideas only too partial.

It is too much to expect a concatenation of defence, trying to save a man whether he is guilty or not, and prosecution, trying to condemn him whether he is guilty or not, and judge, the only impartial member there, and jury, twelve men trying their best to be just, but also wanting to reach agreement and willing for the sake of that agreement to believe that the other jurymen's arguments might after all be correct: it is too much to expect this concatenation to arrive at absolute impartial justice.

It is the best system that so far we have devised. I have no desire to urge, and would oppose, any drastic alteration of the system because it is as near as we can get to ensuring equality before the law. Yet it is not fair to entrust such a system with the lives of our fellow-citizens, with our lives.

There are cases of the hanging of innocent people. Timothy Evans was hung for the murder of his child, and was suspected also of the murder of his wife, at a time when John Christie was living in the same house, who was later convicted of murdering nine women, before and after the Evans murders, at the same house; who admitted killing Mrs. Evans. We are asked to believe that at the same time one man killed his child, and his neighbour killed his wife.

A man called Whiteway was hung for the "towpath murders," in London in 1953, on very circumstantial evidence, while protesting that he had not signed the confession imputed to him. He claimed that he had signed a statement on the top of a pile, and signed only the covers of what he thought were copies underneath the statement. It may be true, it may not, but it is disturbing to think that an innocent man may have been wrongly killed.

Derek Bentley was hung for the murder of a policeman committed by another youth, while Bentley was in custody. The charge of complicity—that Bentley urged the other youth to shoot—was based on uncorroborated police evidence. The youth was too young and was not hung. This, then, is the case against capital punishment.

That a man may be killed for a murder he did not commit.

That the murderer is not necessarily made repentant for his crime, nor are other people deterred from murder by his death, and that in fact, psychotic people are sometimes encouraged by it.

That life imprisonment is a sufficient deterrent against murder, and that a man imprisoned wrongly can be released if the mistake is discovered. No one can be released from a prison grave.

That the State, in ordering capital punishment, employs a man as a murderer to execute the punishment in cold blood.

That we, as his employers, share in that murder.

That, in a secure and civilised society, we have no need for the desperate measures of more primitive societies and can afford to imprison the murderer instead of killing him.

The time has come for a sober reassessment of the law, for which we are responsible, by which people are killed by the State.

N.Z.U.S.A. MEETS AT DUNEDIN

S.E. ASIAN SCHOLARSHIPS

One of the highlights of the N.Z.U.S.A. Council meeting was the concrete proposal that New Zealand university students should provide a scholarship fund to bring a S.E. Asian student to this country for post-graduate study.

This is a practical expression of the ideals so often expressed in University circles. S.E. Asia is an area which New Zealand must be keenly interested in, and inter-student contacts can have special significance, because it is the graduate who tends to become the leader, especially in these rapidly-developing countries.

The scheme finally agreed upon envisages an initial Scholarship Fund of £1,000, sufficient to bring a student to this country for a two-year post-graduate course. Each of the four constituent colleges will have to raise £220, Massey £70, and Lincoln £50.

Various suggestions were made as to possible sources of finance outside the University, but it was pointed out that this was to be a student-sponsored scheme, and the soliciting of outside con-

tributions destroyed the uniqueness of the whole proposal. If offers of assistance came from outside sources, they should of course not be refused, but they should not be solicited.

This must be a truly N.Z.U.S.A. scheme.

As it stands, the scheme has been agreed to by the Colleges, who will make every endeavour to raise the money; and the Government will be approached for necessary information, advice, etc.

GRADUATE EMPLOYMENT SCHEME

Also connected with activities in S.E. Asia is a graduate employment scheme, whereby New Zealand graduates, particularly in science, offer their services to Indonesia for a term of two years. N.Z.U.S.A. is responsible only for the publicising and organising of this scheme.

While in Indonesia, graduates will be expected to live on an Indonesian civil servant's salary, which is 400 rpees a month, or about one-quarter of the normal European income. This will mean quite a sacrifice in personal comfort, and N.Z.U.S.A. felt that intending candidates should be made aware of this.

Nev. Beach, of Resident Exec., suggested that Indonesia, in employing graduates, without practical experience, was not in fact getting cheap service; an inexperienced engineer can cost his employers much more than his salary in a very short time. Indonesia, said Tom Fitzgibbon, President of N.Z.U.S.A., was inflicting an injustice; they should not expect to get Europeans under conditions far below those they were normally used to. Brewster replied that, from the Indonesian point of view, it was not an injustice. The European in Indonesia, in European employment, lives well; the offer was not including European con-

ditions; it was one which they would make to their own people who had the requisite qualifications.

Australians Are Happy

Attention was drawn to the fact that fifteen Australians are at present in Indonesia, eight of them being women, and all have stayed their two years; many have applied for a second term.

There are five candidates already for this scheme, and now that N.Z.U.S.A. has ratified the principles the Government will be approached to make arrangements between Indonesia and New Zealand. Possibly it will pay travel expenses.

COLLEGE LIBRARY

Some recent acquisitions

- Amery, L. C. M. S.
My Political Life. Vol. 1. England before the storm, 1896-1914.
- Birdwood, C. B., Baron.
A Continent Decides; introducing two new members . . . of the Commonwealth (India and Pakistan).
- Brock, William Ranulf.
Britain and the Dominions (a history).
- Campbell-Johnson, Alan.
Mission with Mountbatten (an account of the transfer of power in India, 1946-48).
- Cooper, Duff, 1st Viscount Norwich.
Old Men Forget; autobiography.
- Creel, H. G.
Chinese Thought, from Confucius to Mao Tse-Tung.
- De Witt, Norman W.
St. Paul and Epicurus. (Sequel to Epicurus and his philosophy.)

WATSONS PRINTING HOUSE LTD.

Glass, David Victor, editor.

Introduction to Malthus (with a reprint of his Summary view of the principle of population).

Glazebrook, George P. de T.
A Short History of Canada.

NETBALL COMPETITION

	Games	Av.
	not points	
Wins Losses Draws Plyd. Scored		
Geology	6 - - 1	16
Botany A	4 1 - 2	15
S.I.I.	5 - 1 1	12
Chemistry Dept.	5 2 - -	11

These are the results of the most successful teams in the competition. As a number of games were not played because of rain it is impossible to place these teams in order. It would appear, however, that Geology is the winner.

Eleven teams have continued to play netball for three weeks this term.

—S. R. BROWN.

LETTERS TO THE EDITORS

Kudos to Kiwi

Sir,

May I thank *Kiwi* 1955 for some good reading. This year, free from the "me and me clobber—bloody guts" type of story; equipped with a splash of popular pipi-maori, swimming-river; without doodles pretending art, with some pleasant poems and with some thought, it is well beyond its recent predecessors.

Even if, like its feathered namesake, never leaving the ground, it is the lingering survivor of a gone age, it might be hoped that the egg it lays is proportionately as large, and that future bigger generations will thrive, even on the mud of Hobson Bay.

—JOHN EDWARDS.

Taking umbrage

Sir,

As a late member of the Men's House Committee I wish to take umbrage at the comments of your correspondent "A.T." in your last issue. I should like to state that in my humble opinion his letter is nothing more than a tissue of pathetically inaccurate generalisations. His reference to the assortment of pop bottles and beer bottles littering the ground outside Committee, Exec., and lecture rooms is to be viewed with a rather questioningly raised eyebrow. One would hesitate to cast aspersions on "A.T.'s" (bless his heart) powers of observation, but one might venture to enquire whether perhaps, on a visit to M.H.C. room he had observed a trifling row of bottles on a shelf in that majestic edifice. Having just signed the late lamented petition the sight of these bottles may have been such a shock to his delicate susceptibilities that he immediately formed a complex and imagined he saw them everywhere. For imagine them he must have, because a hasty search outside the room revealed nothing more harmless than one medicine bottle

(very old) and one milk bottle (chipped). The bottles inside modest selection ranging from ade to methylated spirits. Thinking to hasty conclusions may be that the latter vessel had been for a long, long time. The now empty of all bottles.

As far as the imputation imple words "hawdy-houses cum-rooms" goes I can only say that what information I can gather from Madame Adlers' fascinating the M.H.C. room falls very deed of the standard supposedly to qualify it for a place of that tion. Perhaps it is wishful the "A.T.'s" part? However, I like to ask him if a polite sort to please make a little more his facts before casting aspersions committee which does do a little than cast bottles willy-nilly College grounds and resents a implications as to the moral of the lady-friends who have or visited the place.

Yours apologetically

G. M. PRENDER

"LEARN TO ROW"

Last year, the A.U.C. Rowing had a successful carnival season not at all successful in Tournament reason for this was the lack of members. Many of their stalwarts ex-students, and while these the club a high standard in outpetition, they are not available for University events.

To this end, they need more student members, and they are going to the limit in the "Learn to Row" week which is being held in August.

All those interested should contact Con Cambie, in the Department, or leave a note in the box outside the Men's Common

W.U.S. HOLDS CONFERENCE

The 1955 Annual Conference of W.U.S. was held in Dunedin on August 14th and 15th.

Dr. Howard, Dean of Students, O.U., spoke about "Access to University in New Zealand." He introduced several problems in discussion such as that of young people in the country who cannot afford to live away from home to study at university; whether the various entrance requirements are adequate and whether entrance to the university is too easy. He pointed out that in New Zealand no one with University Entrance, being an overseas student, is prevented from enrolling and, if one is not, even University Entrance is unnecessary.

There are a number of overseas students who want to study in New Zealand (especially medicine) because they cannot succeed in or have not the qualifications to enter their own more highly selective universities. Concerning bursaries and scholarships: many who hold these now are unable to complete a Bachelor's Degree and many girls are more interested in preparing for a career of marriage than concentrating on study.

Mr. Bruce Mackereth, of O.U., spoke on "The Foreign Student in the University of Otago." A study of New Zealand's immigration laws had convinced him that a clarification, and perhaps revision, of the regulations concerning the granting and retaining of permits to study in New Zealand was necessary. He was particularly concerned about those students not covered financially in time of sickness. Further enquiries are

being made about the positions Colombo Plan Students; (2) students on grants from their governments; (3) Private foreign students if they would need medical attention while in New Zealand. It was suggested that some sort of insurance be taken out by or for the last group.

A.U.C. W.U.S. has learnt very much from this conference. For example, the only college with no access to the International Club where overseas New Zealand students can meet.

We had felt, justifiably, very much with the £72 we collected at A.U.C. O.U. had a work day and gained £300! They had the advantage of co-operation of all the residents and of having various city firms posters free—but O.U. is no bigger. A.U.C.!