



EXPANSION OR RESTRICTION?

Serious Problem Faces A.U.C. as Enrolments Rocket

Unless new accommodation is found for the science faculty within the next few months, some measure of restricted entry will have to be introduced in the immediate future—possibly next year.

The expected increase in 1957 of 10 per cent in enrolment numbers, over and above last year's figures, has in fact exceeded 20 per cent in most departments and is 33 1/3 per cent in the Chemistry Department. At this rate the College will have doubled its present population of 3000 by 1963—two years earlier than estimated. And this is assuming that the rate of increase will remain constant over the next five years!

Overcrowding within the present buildings has reached a maximum and the Science Faculty has literally "burst at the seams." Immediate relief is essential but there is no hope of this from the new plans for developing the Princes Street site, which have been approved by the College Council.

These are a major step forward but the plans have yet to wait for the next Parliamentary Session to receive official sanction. It is estimated that the planning of the first building—the £750,000 science block, to house the physics and chemistry departments, will take at least two years, while a similar period will be spent in construction. The development scheme allows that once construction has commenced on the first building, the second block in the plan will enter the designing stage, and so on. Hence a building would be completed every two years. The new science block is designed to accommodate, by 1965, twice the present number of students enrolled in physics, chemistry and geology. Scheduled for completion in 1963, the new block will make available the old science building to relieve pressure in other departments. By 1965 the second block would be completed, in time to cater for the expected 6000 students.

But the unforeseen enrolment increase this year has upset the entire scheme. The student population will have reached the 6000 mark in the same year as the new block is completed. Unless the accommodation estimates for this building are revised, to take into account the "galloping enrolments," conditions in 1963 will be just as overcrowded as in the present old science building.

There is little hope that the planning and construction stages of these buildings can be speeded up. Under present conditions even four years seems an optimistic estimate, for the complex nature of a science building necessitates the meticulous planning of each room, not to mention the subsequent quantity surveying and drafting. Nevertheless efforts must be made to keep construction time to the minimum.

20 years haggling over site

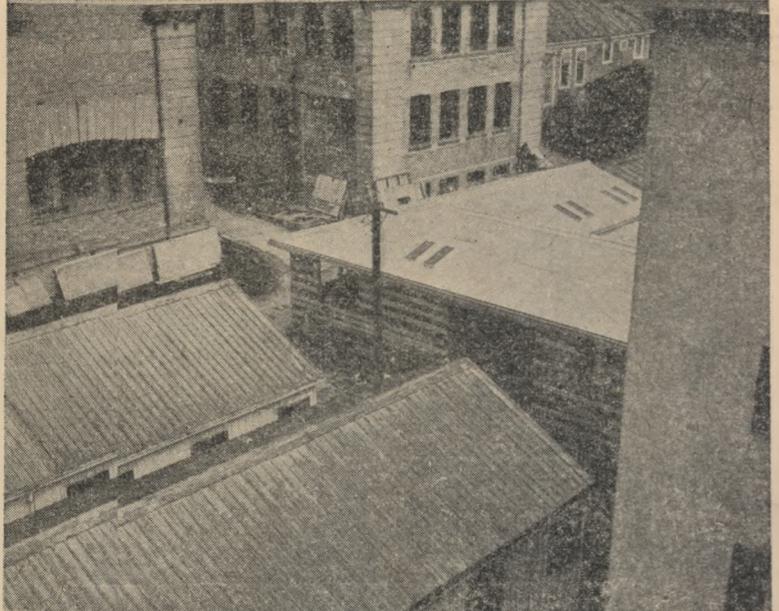
Despite this planning, the fact remains it was commenced too late. Over twenty years have been spent by successive College Councils, governments and local bodies, arguing the merits of different college sites. In 1919 A.U.C. obtained its present site and with £1 million Government grant the buildings now forming the main block were completed by 1926. The most important addition since, and the only permanent one, has been the biology block, opened in 1939. A new site for the college at Tamaki was decided upon in 1944 when the Council purchased 120 acres; and by 1949 the Government had agreed in principle to the move. Hobson Bay first entered the picture in June 1955, and in December of that year, the College Council and the Students' Association approved Hobson Bay in preference to Tamaki. In March 1956, a sub-committee of the

college teachers' association, recommended the present site to the council as the ideal one. The council decided in favour of Hobson Bay, by a small majority, but in August 1956, reversed its decision in favour of Princes Street after conferring with the government.

Thus the long trail led back home, but during this period the student population has expanded out of all proportion to the available accommodation. No permanent buildings were constructed after 1939, because of the uncertainty of the site. Instead, practically all the available space was utilised for erecting prefabricated army huts. Now these buildings are being used by as many as three times the number of students for whom they were designed.

Chemistry worst affected

The situation has now been reached in one science department—namely chemistry, where it would be impossible to accept a greater number of students. Either extra accommodation is found elsewhere, or some form of restricting the number of students entering the department next year will have to be applied. Enrollments in the Chemistry Department show an increase of 33 1/3 per cent over last year, whereas the estimated increase was only 10 per cent. This rise is partly due to the general trend affecting all departments—that of the growth in population after the Second World War, which has passed through the post-primary schools and is now beginning to affect the university. It is also due to the fact that Chemistry I is a unit required for all intermediate



THE LIMIT OF SPACE — This photo shows a clutter of seven buildings. In the background is the old science block, opened in 1919, which houses the Chemistry, Physics and Geology Departments. The two huts in the left foreground are used as the physical chemistry and the inorganic chemistry laboratories respectively.

are released from Compulsory Military Training. The laboratories can accommodate only 50 to 60 students at one time and hence six repeat lab periods have to be conducted; and similarly with lectures.

But the most adversely affected are those 19 students engaged in research for the M.Sc and I Ph.D degrees. Lack of space hampers their work and at times prohibits the execution of some experiments. Occupying tiny rooms about 17ft by 18ft which were designed for one research student, it, two and sometimes three students have to carry out their experiments as best they can. Festoons of complicated glass apparatus cover the benches and overflow onto the floors; heavy equipment is crammed in as best as can be arranged—and among all this students try to get results! In a similar room, two are engaged on Cancer research, work that is surely unworthy of the best conditions possible?

Shift Geology Dept.?

The only solution to lack of space in the old science block is to move one of the departments out. The council is acquiring properties in Symonds Street as part of the programme in developing the present site. Surely one, or several of these, could be temporarily converted to lecture and practical rooms? The only department that could feasibly be moved in the old block is Geology. Both Physics and Chemistry depend on laboratories, and it would be impracticable to shift any of the heavy equipment that is installed in these departments. The creation of two chairs of chemistry is equivalent to another department in the building; and the fact that these will be run as separate departments will not alleviate the present situation.

And what of the rest of the college? Enrolments show a higher than estimated increase in all departments. Chemistry has been the first to "overflow", but there are five years at least before the first permanent building is erected, that will offer relief. If the position is serious now, what is it going to be like next year, and the year after? Temporary accommodation must be found as soon as possible, for if it is not, there is only one logical alternative—restricted entry.

Last year it was found necessary to

restrict the number of students enrolling in the science faculty at Canterbury University College, and this has been applied again this year. The system employed is to call for applications early in the year, for places in the classes; when the required number is reached, no further applications are considered. Such restriction is a direct violation of the right of every holder of University Entrance to the benefits of a university education. If restriction in this form is to be applied, then it must be academic, not mechanical. The standard of University Entrance examinations is certainly in need of revision, and it should be raised to put it into better relation with the Stage I level. But once any person has obtained this standard he must be given every opportunity to pursue any course he likes at university; not deprived of his chosen field because the authorities have made little effort to provide necessary accommodation.

It is to be hoped that such measures will never have to be imposed at A.U.C. The immediate problem is a very serious and pressing one, that can only be solved by the provision of satisfactory temporary accommodation to serve until the new science block is completed.

College site again!

There is one further consideration that may affect the rapid development of the Princes Street site. In the minds of some Auckland citizens, the question of the college site itself is far from settled. These outbursts of narrow-minded feeling will only tend to slow governmental action from getting on with the plans that have already taken twenty years to decide upon. It was recognised by the College Council and the Government that the continued progress of the educational functions of this College are more important than ferro-concrete and spacious grounds. Hobson Bay had to be rejected, despite the opportunities it offered, because it would have been at least twelve years before the first building was ready. Princes Street has proved its suitability as a University site and development has already begun. As has been shown above, even this action has not been soon enough.

A reconsideration of the College site at this stage would be fatal. It is too late to cry for a university as envisaged at Hobson Bay: the opportunity was lost years ago.

ENROLMENT FIGURES

The following table gives a comparison between 1956 and 1957. The figures are for the second week of term in both cases:

Faculty	1956	1957	Increase
Arts	1011	1124	113
Science	373	436	63
Commerce	392	423	31
Engineering	103	225	122
Architecture	194	203	9
Law	240	255	15
Music	16	11	—
Journalism	7	5	—
Fine Arts	114	132	18
Total	2510	2882	

Note: At least half of the students enrolled as Engineers this year are Intermediates and therefore should be included with the Science faculty.

The figures for Music do not include those students pursuing a B.A. course with Music.

Enrolments have continued in all departments since the second week and will do so throughout the year. The greatest increase will come when those students serving under C.M.T. are released.

examinations and is a more popular option than physics, as a compulsory unit for the B.Sc degree.

First year students total 306 at present which will increase even more as students



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Exec attends to Cafeteria But

THE Association Executive is to be commended for the thorough manner in which it has dealt with the problem of the Cafeteria. For too long, Cafeteria responsibility has been allowed to rest on the Chairman of Cafeteria Committee alone. The financial affairs of this largest and most important Association enterprise have been straightened out and for the first time accurate figures on turnover and patronage have been tabulated. The creation of the Portfolio of Business Manager has proved an extremely valuable one, and through the efforts of Mr. Young, the management of the Cafeteria has been examined.

The Cafeteria Report contains the startling and serious revelation that almost £800 loss was incurred during 1956. The steps taken to prevent continuation of such a state of affairs are thorough and on the whole, realistic. The reorganisation of staff duties on a more efficient basis has enabled a reduction in staff; while a better system of purchasing supplies will also greatly reduce costs.

However the wisdom of increase in price of drinks is to be questioned. The first thing a student wants from a Cafeteria is a drink—in other words this commodity has the largest volume of sale. But with tea and coffee at 7d a cup, a student on a £40 per annum bursary thinks twice before he even enters the Cafe. The rise in price, although only a 1d is a distinct irritation, and instead of assisting the Executive to improve the financial situation, it affects patronage, especially for morning and afternoon tea, and hence reduces revenue. It appears that service is being sacrificed in an effort to reduce the losses. Half a pint of milk sells in the Cafe for 4d; in a dairy a pint sells for 4½d. Now, even a glass of water costs a penny per glass! The amount of revenue gained by such

increases, cannot offset the losses incurred by decreased patronage, and also the fact that very few students now buy a second cup of tea. The aim must be to attract patronage in every way possible, and one of the most effective means of achieving this is to keep the price of drinks down. Under present conditions students tend to restrict the number of visits they make to the Cafe each day.

It is a pity that such a step has marred the other undoubtedly sound measures that the Executive have taken. The effect of staff reduction and improved methods of purchasing supplies, should have been ascertained over a trial period, before a price increase was instituted. And, if the Executive was convinced that some price increase was essential at this stage, then a penny rise on the cost of the main meal should have been made. The quality and variety of meals shows a distinct improvement on last year.

But to increase the prices of tea, coffee and milk—the Cafe's main attraction, seems a mistake.

Must A.G.M. decisions be minority ones?

GENERAL Meetings have never been favoured with the interest which certain other student activities are blessed, except when fee rises are contemplated or else actions by the President are being questioned. Yet it is here that students are able to review the Executive's work as well as debate, possibly alter, and finally ratify, administrative changes. Students should therefore regard them as vitally important. The Half-Yearly General Meeting to be held on March 27th, when the Audited Balance Sheet and Treasurer's Report will be presented and the final portion of the revised constitution submitted for ratification, is no exception.

Finance has always been the headache of student affairs, not only because of the precarious balance be-

tween income and expenditure but also the haphazard method of accounting before the present Treasurer's term of office. During 1955-56 the Association's financial set-up was extensively re-organised—most important the financial year was altered to from January 1st to December 31st, whereas previously it had coincided with the Association's year.

Since August 7th AUCSA has been operating partly on the constitution and partly on its revised counterpart. Because the clause governing the student fee is part of the latter, students this year were required to pay £2, plus 7/6 towards the Gymnasium Fund compared with £1/12/6 last year. On the other hand clubs and societies must conform to rules most of which are from the old constitution.

It is this incongruous position which emphasises only too well the disinterested and "don't-care" attitude of both "freshers" and senior students in former years. It emphasises too the way in which the student body can allow power to be wielded out of all proportion to numbers, and thus its rights infringed upon. Since 1950 the highest attendance at an AGM has been 250—a mere 8% of the total membership of the Association—but generally never more than 100. It was no surprise then that a Special General Meeting held last year to consider a revised constitution closed through a lack of quorum. The Students' Association and thus the Executive can only work for the benefit of ALL its members if those participate in Association affairs. This applies to both the "Fresher" and the senior student—the former should attend to find out how the Students' Association works, the latter to ensure that his fee is being used to the greatest advantage. Only then can the Editor's catch cry of "apathetic student" be effectively silenced.

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Use the facilities that your paper provides. All contributions on subjects of interest to students as a whole are very welcome. Similarly, letters to the Editors have formed an important branch of the paper in the past and we hope that they will continue to do so.

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HALF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

A General Meeting of the Students' Association will be held in Room 19 at 8 p.m., on Wednesday, 27th March.

The Agenda contains three items —

(1) Ratification is to be sought for the remainder of the revised constitution.

(2) Presentation of the audited accounts for the 1956 financial year and the Financial Report.

(3) General: Under this section students may raise any other question relating to Association affairs.

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PETER W. BOAG PRESENTS—

The Cafeteria Story

*"The grossly overseasoned sausage sneers,
The sodden Pie, the Jam Roll ooze their scorns,
My much-insulted Stomach scarcely hears—
Insults like these, it's known since it was born."*

—With acknowledgments to Whimwham and the N.Z. Herald.

In view of recent developments and subsequent changes in the running of the Associations Cafeteria, it has been considered essential that students should be given the full history and reasons for these actions.

Before considering these latest developments, however, it will be necessary to retrace briefly the financial history of the Association over the last two years.

When the 1955/56 Executive took office in August 1955, it found among its legacies from past Executives an extremely antiquated finance system which past Treasurers and Executives had come to recognise as inadequate but had not done anything about. The finances of the Association were run in effect by the Business Manager who was a professional accountant in the city. The system, which no doubt functioned adequately when the Association was much smaller, was quite unrealistic for a body of this size. It meant, among other things, that the Executive at no time was in a position to make informed decisions on financial affairs.

This applied particularly to the Cafeteria and meant that no clear picture of the running of the Cafeteria was ever available.

As a result of the efforts of the Executive and in particular of the Treasurer, Mr. Purdy, the organisation was radically changed. Among other things, the Business Manager resigned as from June 30, the end of the financial year 1956, and a new cash register was purchased for the Cafeteria in order that a more accurate and clearer picture could be obtained. To compensate for the loss of an outside Business Manager a post of Business Manager was created in the Executive itself and his duties were "to supervise the finances of the Cafeteria and publications."

The present Business Manager, Mr. Young, undertook, during the long vacation an extensive survey of the operation of the Cafeteria for 1956 and for previous years if possible.

As a result of this survey, the Finance Committee (the President, Treasurer and Business Manager) were informed during January that the Cafeteria had run at a loss last year to the astonishing extent of about £850.

A special meeting of the Executive was called as soon as possible to discuss the Cafeteria situation in the light of these findings.

It has been Association policy to endeavour to run the Cafeteria on a break-even basis and this loss, which represented about 10% of the total turnover, was extremely serious, especially in the light of the Association's overall financial position.

An analysis of the figures available and the comparisons with previous years did not reveal any apparent reason for a greatly increased loss, apart from the already well-known ones of large increases in the prices of food and smaller increases in wages.

Although monthly figures for previous years were not available, the figures for last year showed that, contrary to the opinion held by some, there was no decrease in the numbers patronising the Cafeteria over the year.

At the special meeting which lasted over 4½ hours, the Executive, together with the Cafeteria Manageress, discussed the matter fully and debated various suggestions for rectifying the position and for improving the Cafeteria service generally.

Although it had been some time since

the last increase in prices (September 1955) and costs have increased greatly since then, the decision to raise the prices was taken with reluctance. The Cafeteria should be one of the services run by the Association for its members and consequently should provide meals and teas as cheaply as possible. Since the other measures decided upon did not fully cover the deficit it was decided to leave the price of the main meal as it was, but to increase the minor items by one penny.

Drastic and immediate action was essential unless the Association was to sustain a loss of well over £100 for the first month's operations. This would have been bad stewardship on the part of any Executive and so the following decisions were made:—

1. to reorganise the operations in the kitchen so as to dispense with one of the kitchen-hands,
2. to place the cashier so that patrons paid for their meals as they received them and so do away with the necessity for queuing twice,
3. to investigate the possibilities of improving the system of buying vegetables,
4. to endeavour to obtain better quality cakes and pies,
5. to serve a better quality tea and coffee, in particular black coffee for those wanting it,
6. to raise the price of tea, coffee and small goods (cakes, pies, etc.) by one penny.

We hope these measures will help to rectify the unhealthy state of finances and at the same time provide a better service for students.

In our efforts we have the co-operation of the Cafeteria staff who are as keen as we are to satisfy patrons. We will welcome any suggestions and we hope we will have your support to help us keep the Cafeteria running as economically and efficiently as possible.

P. W. Boag,
President, A.U.C.S.A.

Executive Members and Duties

Members of the Executive are usually found at the Executive Room next to the Men's Common Room, or can be contacted through the Secretary, Mrs Chisholm, in the Assoc. office.

The Executive exists to help students and to look after their welfare generally. If you want to know anything or want any help do not hesitate to ask them (they can usually be recognised by their distinguished, harassed air and by the dreathed badge on their lapel).

Last year the system of Portfolios for the Executive was wholly reorganised in an effort to distribute the work more evenly among the members, and also to provide a more effective service to the Association.

The scheme briefly is as follows (with names of Portfolio holders).

- President (Peter Boag).
- Lady Vice-President (Janet Watkins) also Chairman of Cafeteria Committee.
- Man Vice-President (Allan Coulam) — conducts all correspondence with other Universities and N.Z.U.S.A.
- Secretary (Mrs. Chisholm).
- Treasurer (Cliff Judd).
- Business Manager (Arthur Young) in charge of Cafeteria and publication finances.
- Chairman Women's House Committee (Elizabeth Porritt) responsible for W.H.C. which looks after the interests of Women students.
- Chairman Men's House Committee (Lindsay Nash) responsible for M.H.C.

which looks after the interests of Men students.

Capping Controller (Dennis Howell)— responsible for the organisation of all the functions connected with the Capping Carnival week.

Social Controller (Grace Li) — controls all Social activities of the Association.

Student Liaison Officer (Peter Gordon) — looks after the Welfare of individual students, Travel and Exchange schemes and Orientation.

Sports Clubs Representative (Murray Francis) who, with the—

Sports Club Secretary (Ann Lund) look after all matters concerning the sporting clubs of the Association.

Societies Representative (Bob Roach) and the

Societies Secretary (Ian Pool) are concerned with the welfare of all non-sporting clubs, and Congress affairs.

Elam Representative (Helen King) — appointed by the Elam Students.

EASTER TOURNAMENT PROGRAMME

Team selections will be completed by 23rd March. There will be a Tournament Coffee Evening on Tuesday, 16th April, when competitors will collect their tickets. Approximate cost: £10/10/-.

Travelling arrangements as near as can be finalised at present are as follows:

- TUESDAY, 16th April: Cricketers and Rowers depart Auckland 3.30 p.m.
 - WEDNESDAY, 17th April: Main team departs Auckland 3.30 p.m. Rowers depart Wellington 7.45 p.m.
 - THURSDAY, 18th April: Main team and cricketers depart Wellington 7.45 p.m.
 - FRIDAY, 19th April: Depart Christchurch 9 a.m.; arrive Dunedin approx. 5.30 p.m.
- NORTHBOUND —
- WEDNESDAY, 24th April: Depart Dunedin 10.55 a.m. by special 'Varsity train': depart Lyttelton 8.15 p.m.
 - THURSDAY, 25th April: Depart Wellington 3.30 p.m.
 - FRIDAY, 26th April: Arrive Auckland 7 a.m.

ANN LUND,
Tournament Delegate.

THE PRESIDENT—

SPEECH FROM THE THRONE

I would like to welcome you all to the college for this new academic year, particularly those who are at A.U.C. for the first time. I hope your stay will be a happy and successful one.

I would urge you all to take full advantage of the corporate life offering at university and to avail yourselves of some, at least, of the many opportunities offering for complementing and extending the purely academic side of College life.



A.U.S.A. President - - Peter Boag

This last year has been one of the most successful on record for the Association and we look forward to this year being even better.

Although much of the re-organisation necessary for the efficient running of the Association was carried out last year, this year will still be one of change and transition. Particularly will this be so in financial affairs. Although we have this year the first fee rise for a large number of years, the resultant increase in income will be more than taken up covering the deficit that still remained despite stringent measures last year. As a result, the Executive will not have the money available to finance all the affairs of the Association to the extent it would like. We ask all club and society members especially to help us in this once again.

This year's N.Z.U.S.A. Congress at Curious Cove saw another large contingent from A.U.C. This is especially heartening since it is our turn to organise next year's Congress, and we hope this project will receive the support it deserves from the College.

Our programme for this year has already started well with the Orientation week activities. We hope to make this year's Capping and the Home Tournament in the August the best ever and hope you will join in wherever you can and help us.

I am sure this year is going to be an outstanding one. We shall certainly try to make it so and we hope we can count on your support.

Peter W. Boag,
President, Students' Association.

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EXEC NOTES—

Student Health Report

"The present Student Health Scheme should provide periodic health discussions and examinations, alleviate student distress, and generally help students in study, sport, College life, examinations and academic failure," said the Student Health Physician, Dr. D. B. Gash, at the Exec. meeting on 2nd November. Dr. Gash had been invited by the Executive to report on the scheme.

A total of 135 students were interviewed during 1956. Discussion was the most important part of the interview, for "this should enable the student to bring forward any matter that may be debarring him from attaining the highest possible realisation of positive health," i.e. not only complete physical, mental and social well-being, but also the ability to adapt to environment. The Student Health Physician then was interested in family background, moral outlook, and adaption to 'Varsity life, as well as physical health. 'Student distress' Dr. Gash explained, was used to cover a host of minor anxieties, phobias, disorders and strains not severe enough to warrant psychotherapy but able to interfere with both happiness and efficiency. This was very important and last year was present in 73.3% of the students seen by him. It was thus

this aspect of the Health Scheme which "was essentially preventive".

However more than this was required and he felt that the problem of academic failure should be more accurately studied. In G.B. for instance the rate in freshers was 9%, with that of science students up to 30% in some Universities. The British Medical Journal said this could not be interpreted as faulty selection of students and suggested that both educationalists and health physicians follow London and Cambridge in conducting research. "It might be possible for the Student Health Service here to make some small contribution in the future to the mental and social background of academic failure at this University," concluded Dr. Gash.

Exchange to be discontinued?

AUC will sponsor a remit advocating the discontinuance of the present Travel and Exchange scheme at the next Council Meeting of N.Z.U.S.A. at Dunedin at Easter, and also enquire of the possibility of organising its own. This was decided by the Exec. on February 11th, after the President, Peter Boag, had commented upon its "general unsatisfactory nature."

Peter Gordon said that during the vacation the various members of the Executive who looked after the scheme in his absence had had little success due to the lack of advance information. Those Australian students who did arrive in New Zealand were shown around and work found. They were pleased with the arrangements here but complained at the lack of information from N.U.A.U.S. Peter Boag commented that the Australians were enthusiastic over the scheme last year, but on the results either N.U.A.U.S.' administration was shocking or else earlier verbal assurances were given without authority.

Janet Watkins, who travelled to Australia on the scheme, agreed. She found the peculiar system of the Student Representative Council and Student Unions meant that duties overlapped and organisation was chaotic. Socially and intellec-

tually there was nothing arranged for New Zealand students arriving there, and she remarked, "There is no return for what we do here."

S.C.M. opposes Selwyn

Auckland's newest student society is the Selwyn Society, which was granted provisional affiliation at the suggestion of the Societies Representative, Bob Roach, on November 2nd. Earlier the S.C.M. had protested that this was unnecessary as the S.C.M. already fulfilled its objects.

In a letter the S.C.M. explained that a group of Anglican students had decided that there was sufficient interested students to form a separate Anglican

society within the S.C.M. As a result of this S.C.M. altered its policy in relation to the provision of lectures and Holy Communion. Consequently they considered that the Selwyn's Society's aims were already provided for.

On November 2nd when provisional affiliation was being considered Ian Pool noted that the Selwyn Society was formed for a definite reason — a society for Anglican students — and thus was a corollary rather than contrary to the S.C.M. Jim Holdom said that he was unhappy about the fact that the impetus for the Society's establishment came from St. John's College rather than the University. Voting was unanimously in favour of provisional affiliation.

CONGRESS . . . Hmm!

Some A.U.C. Opinions

The question was, how successful was Congress socially and intellectually? "In my opinion," said Colin Regan, Congress was intellectually very good — socially it was excellent." Jenny Hames almost agreed: "I would say there was too much social life but there just wasn't enough time devoted to intellectual discussion."

At previous Congresses, Ken Loach thought, discussions went on all the time. This time he didn't see many at all. "But there were a lot of good discussions," said Mary Stewart. Yvonne Blennerhassett was enthusiastic "Most interesting" were the revelations of socialistic thought at V.U.C. and the split between Socialist and Social Democrat Clubs. "Most of us were not vocal enough," she said.

Vic. people led in intellect, it seems to be agreed. But, "I hate that air of portentous intellectuality that you see in some Vic. types," said one who prefers to remain anonymous. "Some people tended to monopolize the conversation," said Peter Gordon, of all people. He was amazed at the ignorance of some on race relations.

It is quite a problem to stay awake after several nights without sleep—"late nights can be vicious" as Gordon commented. "You certainly don't get a holiday at Congress," said Loach, but it should be possible to stay the course. Mary Stewart found it easy to go off to sleep in lectures. However no-one seemed to think much could be done to improve Congress. Supply benzedrine tablets, perhaps.

Michael Freyne pin-pointed an important matter: "The talks tended to be informative rather than provocative." Yes. It is hard to maintain a nice balance.

It is hard to follow a controlled line of argument in the question-and-answer period that follows each lecture. It is hard to reach coherent and fruitful conclusions in the conversations that take place sporadically around and about.

But there is stimulation in plenty; even the social butterflies of whom there were enough could hardly fail to be shifted from limited personal interests to wider worlds. Or could they?

Tony Holman summed up like this: "Congress was what it usually is and should be, only more so."

The following remits, passed at the 1957 Congress, are to be presented to the N.Z.U.S.A. Council at Easter Tournament.

1. THAT we condemn Soviet aggression in Hungary and call on NZUSA to continue in their efforts to assist displaced Hungarian students.
2. THAT we condemn New Zealand's official support of the Anglo-French action in the Canal Zone.
3. THAT Congress urge the abolition of compulsory Military Training in New Zealand.
4. THAT this meeting recommend that NZUSA approach the Government and urge them to pursue a more vigorous immigration policy, that they may increase considerably the number of immigrants, especially displaced persons and refugees and also from South East Asia.
5. THAT Mr. Holland's "blind man's bluff — follow my leader" attitude toward the international decisions of the United Kingdom and the U.S.A. be condemned as immature.
6. THAT to enable us to obtain a balanced picture of world affairs, a full press coverage of the problems of dependent peoples in the Western power bloc should be combined with the present very free criticisms of Left Wing movements and that this opinion be transmitted to the NZPA.
7. THAT this Congress indicates to NZUSA its strong approval of the visit of Mr. and Mrs. Neville Beach and expresses the hope that the policy of sending representatives from NZUSA Resident Executive to congress will be continued.
8. THAT this Congress strongly endorses NZUSA's policy towards South East Asia Scholarship Scheme and the goodwill mission of Mr. Peter Gordon after the COSE Conference in Ceylon and the proposed Indonesian Graduate Employment Scheme.
9. THAT NZUSA be requested to endeavour to obtain better co-operation from NUAUS over Travel and Exchange.
10. THAT NZUSA recommend to the Immigration Department that bona fide overseas students be given easier admission and conditions of residence in NZ than they at present receive.
11. THAT this Congress recommends to NZUSA that if any students travel to visit overseas youth and students moots and in particular the World Federation of Democratic Youth Festival to be held in Moscow this year, NZUSA will give them their support and co-operation wherever possible and observer status on behalf of NZUSA if the student or students be suitable.

FRESHERS!

Auckland is host college for Winter Tournament this year. Tournament Committee is a large and complex organisation involving many sub-committees, and we want some freshers to assist in this work. In the past we have found the organisation of Tournament resting on a few senior students—the only people with any experience in such work—and we plan to remedy this by introducing some capable freshers to the job. It is an interesting one and good fun as well. So if you are going to take an active part in 'varsity sport, be in on Tournament—don't be on the outside looking in.

Tournament takes place during the first week of August vacation.

Anyone interested please contact Ann Lund or Murray Francis, c/o Exec. Room or the letter racks. Don't be put off if you think you know nothing of Tournaments. What your own experience or friends cannot tell you, can be assisted by brochures on the subject prepared by past Tournament Committees.

ANN LUND,
Tournament Delegate.

HOSTEL TRADITIONS CONTINUE

New Associate Membership Scheme

O'Rorke Hall has a new Warden, but there are to be no marked changes in hostel tradition. Dr. Minogue and his wife intend to continue the pattern which their predecessors, Mr. and Mrs. Crawley, have quietly and very creditably laid down over the past eight years.

Naturally, different points of emphasis will become apparent with the change of Warden. O'Rorke is an integral part of our university and, among other things, provides an excellent atmosphere for intellectual stimulation. Dr. Minogue hopes to develop this aspect of hostel life to its fullest extent, and to introduce a system of Associate Members, whereby the advantages and opportunities offered by O'Rorke will not be confined to those resident in the hostel. He feels that O'Rorke is a valuable experience which should be open to as many students as possible. Associate Membership is, in effect, a formal invitation to all cultural

evenings and social activities, to use of the library, perhaps to arrange for regular meals at the hostel and so on. This is a scheme which will to some extent offset the limitations of available accommodation. Dr. Minogue hopes that it will be supported, particularly by ex-residents, but also by members of the University staff and by the student population generally.

The Associate Member scheme will undoubtedly intensify the intellectual stimulation offered by O'Rorke. A 'cosmopolitan' hostel will do likewise and this is the second traditional characteristic which the new Warden intends to emphasise.

Dr. Minogue's ideas concerning organisation are similarly in tune with those of Mr. Crawley. He believes in as much student control as possible although the few basic rules drawn up by the College Council at the time of the Hostel's inception will remain. The Warden feels that failure to make progress in the field of study should restrict the right of re-entry to the hostel, but this regulation will be a flexible one.

Associate Membership is something new (and worthwhile), 'cosmopolitanism' has a renewed significance, rules and regulations together with control remain much the same. There is opportunity for continued progress.

Jim Holdom Resigns

The resignation of Jim Holdom, Sports Club's Representative was received with regret by the Executive at a meeting on February 10th.

Pressure of outside work was the reason for Mr. Holdom's decision. He was elected to the Executive in August, 1955, and during his period of office held both Sporting Portfolios.

Murray Francis, who was Sports Club's Representative in the previous Executive (1955-56), has been co-opted to fill the position.

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- Tuesday, May 7th:** Opening night of Revue.
- Wednesday, May 8th:** Capping Book on sale.
- Thursday, May 9th:** Process and Collection.
- Friday, May 10th:** Graduation Ceremony, Capping Dinner, Graduation Ball.
- Saturday, May 11th:** Last night of Revue.
- Sunday, May 12th:** Flake!

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STUDENT ADVISORS APPOINTED

Interview with Consultant Psychologist

Three lecturers, one each in History, Chemistry and Classics have been appointed to advise students on their personal problems . . . The hope has been expressed that students will profit by this innovation. In fact, however, seriously-troubled students are reluctant to discuss their difficulties with lay-people and especially with their own teachers.

Mr. Allan J. Nixon, who for several years lectured in Psychology and who has now been appointed consultant psychologist, expressed sympathy with the College's intentions but was doubtful whether their actual execution would conform to the recommendations which he made last year. He warned of the dangers to which amateur advisers exposed themselves and their advisees, quoting cases in other centres. However he expressed confidence in the present Auckland appointees. Asked whether he encountered many students in his professional work Mr. Nixon replied "Students do consult me from time to time. No doubt I shall be approached by several of them during the year. I like them. Intelligent and self-aware, they derive maximum profit in the least time. Also, of course, I'm pretty familiar with their problems."

To the final question — "What are the typical student problems?" Mr. Nixon's answer was — "Relations with other people — often parents; feelings of inadequacy, fear of failure and so on; difficulties in sexual adjustment, worries about academic work, religious troubles, doubts about occupational choices — in fact almost anything may turn up."

"Naturally," he concluded, "the psychologist is not expert in all these special fields. But as a rule difficulties are resolved when, in an efficiently managed counselling situation, the student himself really faces up to the problem, often for the first time."

After the interview, we felt that students in trouble who consulted Mr. Nixon might well echo the words of his own senior students, one of whom said: "His lively wit, his sincerity, and his willingness to discuss our problems individually made him one of the best lecturers we have ever had."

It is understood that students may get in touch with Mr. Nixon through the Student Advisers or through the Stud. Assn. Office.

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S.C.M. CONFERENCE—

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UNITY AND UNDERSTANDING THROUGH RELIGION

A unique event in the history of church union in New Zealand was the Ecumenical Youth Conference, held in Palmerston North from December 27th, 1956 to January 4th, 1957. About 1200 young people from all denominations met at the Conference to discuss their divisions, and through this discussion to seek closer friendship and understanding.

The Conference theme, "Christ Unites", was a challenging one, striking as it does at the very basis of Christianity, and exposing thereby the divided Church as truly sinful. The evening addresses were given alternatively by Dr. George MacLeod and the Rev. Rex Matthias, both outstanding men in every way, and yet totally different in character. In Dr. MacLeod many understand for the first time the meaning of the term "mystic". Yet it was through his very mysticism that the wrongness of our position was revealed most strongly.

For many people the highlight of Conference was Dr. MacLeod's address on "The Divided Church and its basic Unity in Christ." Speaking as a Scotsman, he urged us to forget our mother churches in Britain and to go ahead towards organic unity in New Zealand. The young people, he said, who are "full of enthusiasm and impatience," must stir their more cautious elders into action. "Remember," he said, "that the Church is, by its very nature one Church. To us the divided churches may seem like separate rooms in a house, but God looking from above sees it as one house. Speaking of the substantial nature of the Church, he said, "God has made us one within ourselves, between ourselves, and in the very tissue of the earth. We must express this unity in everything that we are, as churches, as individuals, as nations."

Mr Matthias, in his matter-of-fact and rather blunt manner, formed a complete contrast to Dr. MacLeod, possibly emphasising even more the importance of his message. Speaking first on the uniqueness of Christianity, and later on Christian commitment, he showed us plainly that in spite of our divisions we are united. "The real uniqueness of Christianity is its power to unite men in one spirit, despite all kinds of differences. Within its life the Church has the power to show the world that such unity is really possible. "Later he said, "you cannot commit yourself to Christian service in a vacuum." It is important to remember that Jesus Christ did not come to give religion to men, but life."

Unity not based on blood

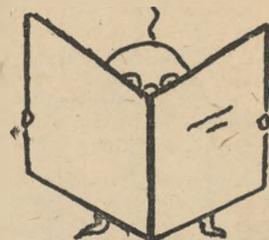
But this discussion of Church unity revealed only half the significance of the theme "Christ Unites." The other half was contained in discussion of New Zealand's responsibility to South East Asia—a subject which proved to be one of the most compelling of the whole Conference. The subject was introduced by the Rev. Alan Brash, who described his recent visit to S.E. Asia and what he found there. The most important fact of this talk was that in the minds of the people of S.E. Asia, New Zealand is part of their world. Having recently expelled their European masters, and now living in independence, S.E. Asians will have no intercourse with fellow churches in Europe and America. Yet they regard New Zealand as part of Asia and are willing to enter into fellowship with us. "It is therefore our responsibility," said Mr. Brash, "to act as stepping-stones towards new understanding between East and West, and to break down the barriers of hostility which have arisen."

As Dr. MacLeod said in his closing address, "We have got to be the forgiving

society. We must be the family whose unity is not now based on blood. We are called in Asia and the world to belong more to a church than to the nations. We are to be amidst our needy fellows, the love of God, the grace of Jesus Christ, and the fellowship of the holy spirit."

—Mairi Fraser.

Letter to the Editors—



LIBRARY CHANGE QUESTIONED

Sirs,

Some students are rather perturbed at the reorganised system of library book loans. No doubt the Library Staff are experimenting to find the best way of serving those who use the library, but it seems that the new system will overall give a poorer service to the majority.

The main defect which so far seems apparent is that by allowing students to take home as many books as they like for a considerable period a more unwieldy manner of obtaining books has been created.

Probably some rearrangement was desirable, but the change appears to have been in exactly the wrong direction. The whole matter seems to boil down to the fundamental question of the nature and purpose of our University Library. The system to be adopted should surely be the one which is in harmony with this nature — which must certainly be one of reference for the teaching staff and the learning students, of this College.

Primarily books should be on the shelves for perusal—for references—for study during the day. If the books remain in the Library, everyone has a fair chance of selecting the book he wants and getting his material from it. Very often it is not possible to ascertain whether a book will be useful until one has had a chance to have a look at it. It is not possible to decide from the catalogue the suitability or otherwise of a book for the particular purpose required. And one cannot tell this either, if another person has it gathering cobwebs on some shelf at home. Under this new system there is considerable fuss and time (three days by mail), in getting returned a book which may turn out to be useless anyway!

It seems to many that if a change is to be made, then it would be more in keeping with the function of our type of institution, either to have no book loans at all, or to have all books on a three day system. We are after all, surely not intent on running a "popular book-club-lending-library-type-of-show."

Anthony Holman

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Paul: Orientation Play: 600 words. Go to.

Max: Well, I think everybody had a darn good time. I was glad to see a good audience. They were pretty receptive too, and that's rather important, especially in a comedy.

Paul: Not many Freshers, I noticed.

Max: No. It was a shame really—they missed a good show . . .

The first play, *The Fascinating Foundling*, wasn't too hot. The set was lovely, just suiting what should have been a fruity black-and-white melodrama, but the play was really too trifling for words. There was a good cast, of course: they just didn't have enough material to work on. At the most the play had possibilities.

Paul: What about the Chancellor's moustache?

Max: Jimmy Edwards. 'Nuff said?

Paul: Quite. Now what about the second play?

Max: I was most impressed with the way Rostand controlled his theme, shifting from mistaken romance to disillusioned romance to pseudo-romance and ending up with something quite sensible

and worthwhile. It was most remarkable. I think I'll go again. Is *Cyrano de Bergerac* like that?

Paul: A bit more complex, I think. Rostand was a darned good craftsman. There was certainly plenty in the play and the cast made a very good job of it. Perhaps it didn't get quite the right treatment. It isn't a farce, after all. Unfortunately things generally conspired to make it one and that was rather a shame. I don't think it was the producer's fault, however. Little things just went wrong, as they often do on an opening night. Still, I wasn't quite happy with the way the place came across.

Max: The audience took it all in good spirit, don't you think? And you can't quarrel with the casting.

Paul: That was very good indeed. Graham Thomas and Charmian Yock made a very attractive pair of lovers, though perhaps they didn't do so well when the play became more serious, e.g. in the last act. They didn't 'come down' from their deliberate burlesque of the self-styled 'romantic-lovers' — there was no underplaying, if you see what I mean — and the audience couldn't notice the change in emphasis you mentioned after Rostand made his lovers throw away the superfluous and discover what was real in their love. I felt there should have been a change in style — a relaxation if you like . . .

Max: (non-committal grunt) Er — we were — how shall I put it? . . . Doubtful . . . about Straforel.

Paul: (after administering a polite kick under the table) Yes, Straforel. A lovely

enjoyed every minute of it. Graham Nixon and Gabriel Prendergast are pretty old hands in Drama Soc. by now and you could see they knew just what they were doing. I liked the way they kept out of the rut of stereotypes while still remaining what you call 'typical old-men characters'. Their movements were very good and we had just the right amount of those little coughs and stammers that make real character-work so downright satisfying. Their mock mock-battle was a beautiful effort. In all you might say they held the whole play together. Plenty of life and action, so to speak. Their make-up was a bit dingy, though.

Paul: It's getting late. How can we finish off?

Max: I think you can sum it all up in one sentence. Was it John Harre who said it at rehearsal the other night?

Paul: Something about the challenge everyone gets from the woeful conditions under which they have to work?

Max: Something like that. Thanks to our poor overworked backroom boys (and girls) everybody had a darn good time, if I may coin a phrase. The sets, costumes and even the lighting were all grand. Goodnight.

Paul: Goonight goonight goonight.

An invitation from . . . THE AUCKLAND FILM SOCIETY

We invite you to join the Film Society. We offer you a feast of good films for nine months of the year at a modest subscription. You will see new, outstanding feature films, both English and foreign-dialogue (the latter with English sub-titles), many of which will probably not be released commercially.

These screenings in 16mm are held on the evening of the first Wednesday of each month, March to November, inclusive. The place, UNITY HALL, (just above the Town Hall), Queen Street. The times 5.30 p.m. and 8 p.m. Tea, coffee and biscuits are served at the earlier session. Short films of merit support all feature items.

During the winter months we screen "revivals" of famous films of the past, foreign and English-dialogue; and 3 or 4 times a year — Sunday evening preview screenings in the Embassy Theatre of new 35mm feature films.

Among our offerings for 1957 will be seen for the first time in Auckland "Drole de drame" and "Passion for Life" (France), "Butterfly Lovers" (China), "Munna" (India), "Intolerance" (USA), "Battleship Potemkin" (USSR), "The Blue Angel" (Germany) and "Frenzy" (Sweden), are to be revived.

Talks on various aspects of the cinema from experts in the various fields are planned, and it is intended to hold a special matinee of Children's Film Foundation productions for families of members and their friends.

Will you join us? The subscription is 30/- single, 45/- combined husband-wife membership, 21/- full-time University or Training College Students, 7/6 Secondary School Student. Subscription and address should be sent to the Treasurer, Auckland Film Society, P.O. Box 2318, Auckland.



Graham Thomas and Charmian Yock —the turtledoves.

Capture Some Culture CLUBS HAVE ATTRACTIVE PROGRAMMES

There are now numerous clubs at this college — alarming perhaps to the fresher confronted with a Students' Association enrolment card, but pleasing in that he has such a wide choice. Among these are four "cultural" clubs, Drama Society, Literary Society, Music Club, and Photographic Society which are for anyone and not arts, music, or science students in particular. The aim of the clubs is of course relaxation and for that reason science students should be especially interested.

I am advertising these clubs because it is in the interests of this section of *Craccum* to have students attracted to the arts. From time to time you will see articles in the arts printed here, which I hope will help to stimulate cultural interest in this college.

These clubs want members, and to do it they are putting forward attractive programmes for the beginning of the year. Music Club has already held a social for new members and has an interesting programme ahead for its various groups.

Literary Society has not yet arranged a full year's programme but its first meeting, in a week or so, is taking the form of a live poetry reading by students of humorous N.Z. verse; and I can assure you that reading humorous verse is an excellent way of getting to know a poet as a human being.

Drama Society has a very ambitious plan. The Orientation play is being fol-

lowed by a critical evening and open forum; out of which specialist training groups in make-up, décor, costume, and lighting will be formed. In addition there are play-reading groups which meet regularly and will produce the occasional reading before the public. All these lead to the main production later in the year.

Photographic Society has no detailed ideas yet but the usual technical instruction will be given with a generous sprinkling of competitions. The technique is merely mechanical and it is at the competitions that you will discover real artistic sense.

Watch for advertised meetings if you want to be in on this "culture" and if you are a budding Melba, Sargeson, Hepburn, or Cartier-Bresson for goodness sake don't hold back.

—I.D.B.

"MORE TRAMPS ABROAD"

The Modern Languages Club A.G.M. which was held last Thursday 14th, resulted in the election of an entirely new committee, with Owen Miller as Student Chairman.

Professor Keys, who has recently returned from sabbatical leave overseas, will initiate this year's evenings with a talk — "More Tramps Abroad." It seems probable that Professor Keys' talk will enjoy success similar to that of Dr. Asher's parallel talk last year, when general interest produced a lively atmosphere.

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Help African Students

DONATE BOOKS TO W.U.S. COLLECTION

Last year Peter Boag and Peter Gordon attended the sixth International Students' Conference in Ceylon and there had the chance to meet and talk with student representatives of other countries. Some of the most interesting and outstanding people were those from Africa. In our personal and council discussions student problems continually arose, and the leader of the East African delegation, Basil Bataringaya, asked if we could help the students of his college.

Their great need is for books — not, you might imagine, textbooks, but books they can use for background and light reading. The student unions of Sierra Leone, and East Africa are trying to build up their own libraries. Hence what money the students have goes into textbooks, unless libraries can be developed, the pleasures of leisure read-

ing are denied to them. And so we promised Basil that the A.U.C. students would help them.

The World University Service committee of A.U.C. has agreed to organize the actual collection of these books as part of its programme for helping overseas students. There is a box in the cloisters into which you can put your books. Good magazines, Pelicans, Pans, novels, travel books, even detective stories and Westerns so long as they are in good condition, are wanted. In fact, just the sort of thing that you yourself enjoy reading.

This World University Service began in 1920, under the name of European Student Relief, to meet urgent student needs resulting from the war. Since then, under various names, it has developed into a world-wide student service which helps with projects for the improvement of student health, student living conditions, educational equipment, and scholarships. We in New Zealand can help by giving money (a collection will be organized later in the year), by getting to know the overseas students in our own college, and by such activities as this book collection.

Peter Gordon,
Student Liaison Officer.

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TRAMPING CLUB WELCOMES FRESHERS!

Tramping Club was established as an independent body in 1932, which makes a year of some moment in the club history. With a degree of pride, we look upon twenty-five years of activity most of the "trampable" country in New Zealand, and trace the gradual widening of this activity from the very early days when tramping was confined almost entirely to the Waitakeres, up to last year, when a record number of club members invaded the beautiful valleys and mountains of the South Island. Within the framework of location, there is an unlimited variety in the type of tramping involved; so that you find trampers sunbathing at the "swimming hole" in the Waitakeres, and standing on the summit of Mt. Cook, with every degree of difficulty and ease in between.

One of the most significant events in club history was the acquisition of

an old timber camp in the Waitakeres for use as a club hut, and Ongaruanuku, as it was christened, has for many years been the centre of weekend tramping. Official vacations are the occasion for sorties further afield; during the year, the club runs trips to Thames, Coromandel, Te Aroha, National Park and the Hunua ranges.

A very important thing about the club during all its twenty-five years of existence is that it WELCOMES FRESHERS. So, if you cherish a secret longing to don boots and pack and be away to the hills, come and do it with Tramping Club, because they've been to the hills before and you won't be quite so liable to get lost. All trip details are posted on the notice-board in the cloisters; if you want further information, accost any trumper — you can pick them by their gait . . .

Asian Press Conference

FIRST NEW ZEALAND DELEGATION

The first Student Press Conference to which New Zealand has sent delegates was held in Manila from the 18th to the 22nd February. Discussion and seminar was on the responsibility and problems of the Asian Student Press and its role in nation building. Organisation was by the International Student Conference.

Christchurch law student, Derek Round, 22, was chief N.Z. delegate, and with him was David Stone, 23, of Wellington.

Editor of "Canta" in 1956, Derek is a member of the New Zealand University Student Press Council and until recently was Secretary of the United Nations Society in Christchurch.

David is a well-known A.U.C. graduate now doing research for an M.A. history thesis, in Wellington. He was Editor of "Craccum" in 1955 and 1956, and is President of the Press Council.

Derek is at present visiting Formosa and plans to continue to Hong Kong and Singapore. David visited Malaya and Indonesia before his return to New Zealand last week.

The delegates took printed broadsheets to hand out at the Conference, with their biographies, some background on the Universities of New Zealand, and a message from the N.Z.U.S.A. President, J. D. Dalgety. Part of this message is reprinted below:—



Derek Round



David Stone

"N.Z.U.S.A. recognises a strong independent and responsible student press as an integral part of university life. Such a press is always concerned with obtaining a betterment of student conditions whatever the country and whatever the government in power. It is regrettable that whereas the "freedom of the press" is recognised as a cardinal principle of enlightened government, student newspapers are often subjected to restrictions and disciplinary measures which are contrary to the spirit of freedom in its thought and expression for which the universities of all countries are the most zealous guardians. N.Z.U.S.A. extends its best wishes to all delegates and hopes that the interchange of ideas and views at the conference will lead to an ever greater degree of co-operation between the student newspapers in all countries that co-operation present, a strong and tolerant student press must be the most of our regions of the world, and with important factor in obtaining better understanding between the students of different countries in Asia."

- Miss J. Hopkinson beat Miss J. Hemming, 6-0, 7-5.
- Miss S. McEwan lost to Miss A. Emslie, 1-6, 2-6.
- Men's Doubles** —
- Woolf and Montgomerie beat Callaghan and Rae, 3-6, 9-7, 6-4.
- Lye and Boon beat Adams and Allen, 6-1, 2-6, 6-4.
- Women's Doubles** —
- Misses Nelson and Dickson lost to Misses Bradfield and Decker, 3-6, 9-7, 3-6.
- Misses Hopkinson and McEwan lost to Misses Hemming and Emslie, 2-6, 6-8.
- Mixed Doubles** —
- Woolf and Miss Dickson beat Callaghan and Miss Decker, 6-4, 6-4, 7-5.
- Montgomerie and Miss McEwan beat Allen and Miss Hemming, 6-1, 6-1.
- Boon and Miss Nelson beat Rae and Miss Bradfield, 7-5, 3-6, 6-1.
- Lye and Miss Hopkinson lost to Adams and Miss Emslie, 6-3, 3-6, 2-6.

TENNIS TESTS

N.Z.U. v. Australia

The first tennis test played at Stanley St. courts between New Zealand Universities and Australian Universities on Tuesday, January 15th resulted in an easy victory for New Zealand by twelve matches to four. Such a margin however would not be a true indication of tennis in the respective Universities. M. Callaghan, N. Rae and Miss B. Bradfield in particular of the Australians played well below the form expected of them, after their performances in the New Zealand Championships a few days earlier. The New Zealand team played well however and is to be congratulated on its fine showing.

Playing top for New Zealand, Brian Woolf was never really extended to beat Mike Callaghan, 6-1, 6-1. The Australian had difficulty in handling Woolf's heavily spun service and lost many opportunities by netting drives and volleys when he had made openings for winners.

The most interesting match was that between John Montgomerie and Kev. Adams. Both players exhibited fine form and the result could have gone either way, Montgomerie eventually winning 9-7, 7-5.

Although Boon was taken to three sets by Rae there was no doubting his superiority once he had settled down. Boon played well and volleyed powerfully and these departments of his game won him many points.

In the top women's singles Betty Nelson had little difficulty in beating Betty Bradfield who made many mistakes, 6-1, 6-2.

Raewyn Dickson played well to beat Joan Decker, 6-1, 8-6, but was forced to give of her best in the second set.

Miss A. Emslie was the only Australian to win her singles and her victory over Miss S. McEwan was well deserved.

The play of the Australians improved in the afternoon when the doubles were played. In the men's section both matches went to three sets before New Zealand finally won. Australia won both the women's doubles, Betty Bradfield and Joan Decker teaming well to beat Raewyn Dickson and Betty Nelson. It was hard to associate the Miss Bradfield of the morning with the Miss Bradfield of the afternoon. Her touch returned and she played many winners with fine serving and volleying.

New Zealand teamed well in the mixed doubles to win three of the four matches, Lye and Miss Hopkinson going down to Adams and Miss Emslie.

Results, with New Zealand names first, were as follows:

- Men's Singles** —
- B. Woolf beat M. Callaghan, 6-1, 6-1.
- B. Boon beat N. Rae, 3-6, 6-1, 6-3.
- J. Montgomerie beat K. Adams, 9-7, 7-5.
- D. Lye beat C. Allen, 6-2, 6-3.
- Women's Singles** —
- Miss B. Nelson beat Miss B. Bradfield, 6-1, 8-6.
- Miss R. Dickson beat Miss J. Decker, 6-1, 8-6.

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SWIMMING TOUR

by John Orbell

The New Zealand University's Swimming Team which toured Australia during January and February lost the two tests which were held against Australian Universities at Sydney on the 8th and 11th of January. Despite these losses, which were by no means a disgrace, the N.Z.U. Team had a highly successful six weeks' tour in the course of which it travelled throughout N.S.W. and Victoria, swimming in many of the larger country centres.

Tests

The final scores in the two tests were 28-45 in the first and 28-40 in the second. The water polo games provided perhaps the most thrilling part of both tests. The first one, held at the North Sydney Pool, was a close tussle during both halves; players on both sides giving outstanding performances. Until near to full time the score was 6-6, but in the last few minutes Australia went on to win 8-6. The second match was also a thrilling game, neither side having full control at any time. The final score was a 5-all draw. No extra time was played.

Despite its loss in overall points score, many members of the New Zealand team distinguished themselves. Possibly the most outstanding of these was Canterbury's *Otto Snoop*. He won the 110 yds. freestyle in both tests from the noted N.S.W. swimmer *Rob Hemming*. Hemming toured N.Z. with the Australian team in 1954 and was third place getter in the N.S.W. champs held shortly after the Inter-Universities' Tests.

Other New Zealanders to swim well were *Jim Marks* of Otago and *Ian MacDonald* of Canterbury. This pair were also unbeaten in Australia but had many close duels between themselves in the 220 yds. breaststroke event. The honours went to *Ian MacDonald* in the tests. He won the first in the good time of 3min. 1sec. and the second in 3min. 5sec.

Thiele Triumphs

Graham Leach, the Waikato swimmer and water polo star, featured in a close tussle with Olympic Gold Medallist backstroke swimmer, *David Thiele*, on this occasion swimming in the butterfly event. *Leach* led until the last few yards when the magnificent condition of the Olympic champion enabled him to gain the lead and win in 74.8sec. *Leach* swam a good second in 75.2sec.

Thiele, however, was at his best in the backstroke event, which he won, swimming easily and without stressing himself in what could have been a demonstration swim. *John Orbell* of Auckland was second in the time of 77sec.

In the distance events, Australia scored in both the 440 yds. and the 220 yds. *Jim Sneyd* of Auckland, who had just returned from Australia as a member of the New Zealand Olympic Surf team, met more top-class opposition and was placed second in the 440 yds. event and third in the 220 yds.

Thiele was undoubtedly the star of the two tests. Almost a "one-man team," he was responsible for the accumulation of most of the Australians' points: winning the butterfly and backstroke, and second in the medley.



Front Row: Graham Leach, Jim Marks, John Orbell, John Broomfield, Finlay Mackenzie, Back Row: Stan Paris, Jim Sneyd, Murray Francis, Theo Verhoven, Ian McDonald, Otto Snoop.

—Auckland Star Photo.

The two tests however were only the opening phases of the tour which lasted for a month after their conclusion. The team had already competed against Musswell Crook, where they swam against another one-man team, this time *Brian Wilkinson*, Olympic finalist in the 220 yds. butterfly event, Australian medley champion, and one of the best Australian 220 yds. freestyle swimmers.

Wagga Wagga

Wagga Wagga was one of the highlights of the trip. Against tough opposition in every department, the team members won all events they competed in, *Graham Leach* being outstanding in setting a record for the 55 yds. butterfly. His time was 32.1sec. In the water polo they met the team which was N.S.W. country champion in the previous year, and emerged on top after a thrilling hard-fought game.

After Wagga Wagga, the team moved on to do a 'circular tour' of Victoria, swimming at Pupapunyal Army Camp; Hamilton, Victoria; and Terang where they swam before a crowd of 2000 people in a town which had a population of only 3000! The team 'rested' at Loame Surf Beach near Melbourne, and after a carnival at Box Hill in Melbourne moved back to Sydney. The last swimming event of

a most strenuous tour, was at Maitland, N.S.W. the scene of recent disastrous flooding, where they swam in a 'Gala' carnival with world-record holders *John Devitt* (who holds the 110 yds. record) and *Gary Chapman*. This carnival was a memorable event for at least one member of the team, the captain, *John Broomfield*, who was a judge in a beauty contest — a position, what is more, which was offered to him without any prompting!

Throughout this period the water polo team played matches in every centre at which the team swam, being unbeaten throughout the whole tour except for the first test at Sydney early in the trip. Probably the most outstanding point of

the tour for the water polo players was at Bendigo. Here they competed in an annual handicap carnival for Victorian water polo teams, played three matches and won them all. The last match, against South Melbourne 'A' team, last year's runners-up, was undoubtedly the toughest game of the tour. At full time, after an extremely hard and fast game the score stood at 6-all. Extra time was played: three minutes each way during which New Zealand scored a last minute goal to bring the score at the end of that period to another draw — this time 7-all. Three minutes each way were again played, resulting in a brilliant score from the Waikato combination of *Leach* and *Boswell* to clinch the competition.

As the team settled down it became a smooth-working machine in which each player did his part to full satisfaction but certain players naturally stood out. These were *Ian MacKenzie*, a water polo blue from Canterbury who played at stopper-back, *Theo Verhoven* from Victoria who played in goal, and most of all, *Graham Leach* and *Keith Boswell* of Auckland. This last named pair, playing in the forward position, were, time after time, a goal-scoring combination to which none of the teams played could find an answer.

Team on T.V.

By the end of the tour the team was understandably tired out, from both travelling and constant swimming, as well as the astounding Australian hospitality which *must*, as they boast, be the best in the world. The team was fêted wherever it went. They appeared on television in Sydney, recorded a haka in several places — including one for the McQuarry Broadcasting Service in N.S.W. On top of all this the team found time to talk to leading swimmers, coaches, and organizers throughout Australia and to give several talks to Rotary Clubs about New Zealand. The tour will prove a valuable one, not only to the members of the team but also to both New Zealand swimming and Inter-Dominion sport.

SPORTSVIEW

When is a Student not a Student?

Should all students play sport for Varsity? Or should they maintain their school associations, and play for an old boys' club? or for a district club?

Over past seasons, many students prominent in their sport, have played for non-University clubs. A hockey match between Varsity and Grammar Old Boys, played last season, is an example. It ended in a draw, and more than half the Grammar goals were scored by students, or immediate past students. Also last season, our Soccer team reached a Chatham Cup semi-final. Their opponent was a senior team, one of the players being a student. At least one other student was a regular member of the Auckland representative Soccer team, while playing for a district club.

The Tennis Club provides a prime example. For two seasons now, it has not entered teams in competitions; yet a few of its members play in grades higher than that in which it used to enter teams. A most unsatisfactory state of affairs, to say the least.

The query is, should we expect these people, all members of the student body, to play for their respective University clubs? Where to do so would cause them to play below their grade the answer is, perhaps unfortunately no, we cannot. The same applies when they live in the outer suburbs, or in centres such as Papakura, or Henderson, or even the North Shore.

Where, however, the student would not be playing below his grade in Varsity team, I feel that he should play for that club. His primary allegiance should be to the University. There is a parallel here with the secondary schools. A pupil is expected to play for his school if at all possible. In extreme cases, which are rather common in Auckland, he plays for his school, or does not play at all. It is felt that there should be a loyalty to the group of which he is a member, and that he should support that group whenever possible. This is a reasonable point of view, provided it is not carried to extremes; and surely it is just as applicable to the University as to the high school? Yet there are far too many students who regard the University as a night school, a place to soak up knowledge.

The comment has been made that the player's first loyalty should be to the club which first trained him, and spent good time and money in so doing. People who make this comment have been known to go so far as to say that the University is a parasite on the sporting world as a whole.

Such an attitude, I feel, is scarcely fair. By its very nature, the University cannot train players from the cradle; but it can, and does, continue training very adequately beyond the secondary school stage. In many cases, students are brought into active participation, when had they not come to Varsity they would never have reached this stage.

My thesis, then, is that if the University can provide a satisfactory place, in terms of grade, for the student, then that student has a moral obligation to fill that place. —J. Holdom.

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