



QUEENSLAND VIOLATION

Government Legislation Restricts University Autonomy

by the Overseas News Editor

In April the Queensland Government finally passed the University Acts Amendment Bill, setting up a Board to hear appeals against staff appointments, promotions and dismissals. This was done in the face of united and determined opposition from both staff and students.

It is only the setting up of the Appeals Board, not the entire Act, that is attacked. Formerly, it was one of the major functions of the University Senate on which Government appointees already constituted a majority, to decide all matters relating to the appointment and dismissal of University Staff.

The Senate would set up a committee to investigate in the strictest confidence the merits of the applications for vacant positions. The committee would then make a recommendation to the Senate which could accept the nomination or re-examine the applications. The appointment would then be made by the Senate.

Under the new Act unsuccessful applicants already employed by the University have a right of appeal against the decision of the Senate. Such an appeal may be made on the ground of superior efficiency or equal efficiency and seniority to the person appointed. The Appeal Board is constituted as follows:

- A person appointed by the Government, who is also to be the chairman.
- A person appointed by the Senate.
- A representative of the person making the appeal. The decisions of the Appeal Board are final.

It is obvious that, in practice, the votes of the representative of the Senate and the representative of the Government will cancel each other out, leaving the representative of the Government to decide the issue. Thus the Government has control of all University appointments and the way is open for corruption and for political toadies to creep into the Senate.

Corruption possible

It could be argued that the Appeal Board is in the best traditions of British universities. But the appeal provided for in the Act is not an appeal to a better informed or more expert body than the committee of professors and lecturers responsible to the Senate. Already the Senate is dominated by Government appointees, so what was the purpose of the Act except to further extend State control over the University and curb academic freedom, silencing one of the last strongholds of independent opinion. In the *Flourish*, the newspaper of the University of Queensland Students' Union, G. R. Cochrane pointed out, before the Bill was passed, that the Bill became law 'it will require more courage than it formerly did, for a university teacher to make remarks unacceptable to the government. The government should realize that people will sus-

pect that this is precisely one of the objects of the Bill.'

It is true that the University is financed by the State and therefore should function in the best interests of the community. The Government's task, however, is not to directly control matters which the University itself is most competent to handle, but to see that the University is in a position to do its work in a spirit of free enquiry and expression.

It is at the very conception of academic freedom that the Act strikes. Our universities have a tradition of self-government and freedom going back some eight centuries. This tradition grew up because it has been found that human society will best progress where the greatest freedom of enquiry and discussion exists. The idea of free speech is, after all, an essential part of our democratic philosophy. It is therefore vital that the universities govern themselves and be free from the domination of vested interests.

"I think it shows an unfortunate trend when a country like Indonesia, which is often labelled dangerously left wing, is now introducing legislation to increase the autonomy of the University of Indonesia, and a state like Queensland, which is so often described as democratic, is introducing legislation to reduce the traditional autonomy of University life."
(Jim Thomas, President N.U.A.U.S.)

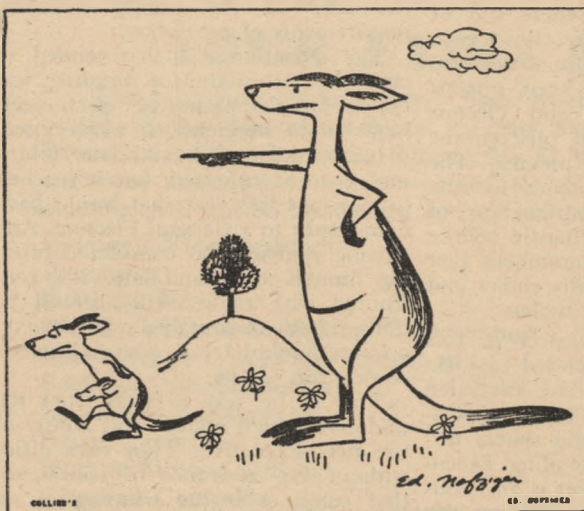
To quote Cochrane, 'the fight for the self government of the universities today is the fight for freedom of enquiry and expression for university students and teachers; it is the fight for the very existence of what we mean by the word University.'

Nowhere else in the countries of our Western civilization, with the exception of South Africa, which cannot be regarded as a democracy, have the universities been denied the right to decide their own staff appointments. Nowhere else in the British Commonwealth has such a board been deemed necessary. Nowhere else does the government appoint a majority of the Senate. This is not a free

and independent university. This is not freedom of thought and speech. This policy does not belong in a democracy. It is that of a totalitarian state which seeks to crush intellectual independence through control of education.

The negation of the principle of the academic freedom of the university is almost certain to result in a deterioration

of opposition from the University and from the public. Deputations were sent by the Staff to present its case to the Premier, Mr. Gair (only to be turned away), and to the Leaders of the Opposition parties. Every member of Parliament was approached and the students organized a public petition against the Bill, obtaining 32,000 signatures. The President of the



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of the standards and standing of Queensland University. In the first place, there are provisions in the Act that enable documents to be made public in the event of an appeal. Formerly, the selection committee would consult each candidate's referees who would give testimony frankly and in strict confidence. But now certain types of information are unlikely to be divulged, since there is the possibility of such information being made public. This reduces the frankness, truth and value of any references — these qualities being essential for a proper assessment of the relative merits of applicants.

Act breeds suspicion

In the second place it is certain that the Appeal Board will affect the quality of the University's staff by discouraging overseas scholars of high quality from applying for positions. The University of Queensland Staff Association presented its views on this subject to the Cabinet before the Bill was passed. Among other things it asserted that 'the unique existence in Queensland of such an Appeal Board can only breed suspicion that this university alone in the British Commonwealth, is incapable of dealing with its own appointments and promotions. This must lead to a want of confidence in the standards of the University and must prejudice the opportunities for employment of our graduates.'

The University Acts Amendment Bill was passed in the face of tremendous

National Union of Australian University Students, Mr. James Thomas, attacked the Bill, condemning the Bill as a blow at university autonomy and a move towards a less democratic form of government. In spite of all this opposition the Bill has now become law.

However, partly as a result of this Act, Mr. Gair, the Premier, has been expelled from the Queensland branch of the Australian Labour Party. Although Mr. Gair has formed his own party, he has not a majority in the Legislative Assembly and an election will be necessary. The staff and students of the University of Queensland are continuing their fight for a repeal of the Act. By arousing public opinion they hope to force the new government to effect this, and, such is their united determination (no more student apathy there!) that it seems likely that they will succeed. The most we can do is offer our full support.

AUC Exec. ignorant

NZUSA has written to the Students' Union of Queensland condemning the recent Act. The Students' Executive of Victoria College has written to Mr. Gair as well. And yet our Executive has had to admit that it knows nothing about the matter, and had to write to Wellington for information. Surely it is the least we can do to immediately extend our full support to these students in their fight to preserve the academic freedom of their University.

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League of portfolios or an Executive?

FOR the first time in the memory of present students, there will be no Executive elections this year. When an entire Executive is declared unopposed, after such keen interest shown by candidates and electors alike in the election of officers, the situation is a little perplexing. The record poll last week tends to rule out the convenient explanation of "apathy", and one can hardly believe that students felt the nominees first put forward were the only choice and an election contest was useless.

Whatever the real answer is, this year two aspects that tended to stifle interest in standing for the Executive were apparent. Firstly, a wrong attitude toward the portfolio system displayed by past and intending Executive members. The system is an excellent means of giving candidates the opportunity to seek the particular Executive function they feel themselves best suited to carry out; and once elected, the Executive can operate more efficiently. But it is essentially a facility: the fulfillment of the tasks the portfolio itself requires is not the prime purpose of an Executive member. First and foremost we want a student council that can conduct the affairs of this Association as a corporate body. Exec. is not a league of portfolio holders as some members seem to think. Capping is not the responsibility of Capping Controller—it is the Executives: the portfolio is merely a convenient method of delegating and applying Executive policy after it has been decided by that body as a whole.

But the attitude recently, is that qualifications for a portfolio are more important than those for a member of Executive. If this is followed, it immediately limits the field for students considering standing. Instead of seeking office as a representative and councillor of students in all aspects of Association affairs, they are obliged to confine their ideas to one field for the purpose of the election. This Association cannot be conducted by a group of specialists meeting as a con-

ference: it requires a council of versatile committeemen conversant with all aspects of the body they represent. It is these latter qualifications that are the most important and they must not be submerged in future elections for the sake of the purely technical requirements of portfolios.

The second aspect that tended to curb any enthusiasm for standing, was the deplorable amount of "electioneering" before nominations were closed. A certain amount of candidate "lobbying" is to be expected, but it reached proportions this year that would have done credit to a General Election. Any outside student who considered offering himself as a candidate, and confronted with these tactics, would be immediately discouraged. Such petty politics should have no part in Student Association affairs.

This in no way detracts from the undoubted high quality and ability of the new Executive. They take office without the assurance of confidence that comes with the winning of an election contest. It is up to students to show their confidence in their new representatives by giving them the active support that they will undoubtedly deserve. It is a great honour to serve in the highest offices of the Association, and we can be sure that the new members will carry out their duties with distinction.

U.S. nuclear fanatics

IT is reported from the U.S. that a proposal to set up a human "sperm bank" which could be used in the event of a nuclear war was put to the congressional subcommittee which is studying the dangers of atomic radiation to human genetics.

Under normal circumstances the revolted reader would believe this monstrous idea to have come from the distorted mind of some fanatic. But this is not so. The proposal was voiced by Dr. R. Lapp, one of the leading nuclear physicists in the United States, and one whose name has been quoted not infrequently in political circles.

Dr. Lapp said the proposal was "the kind of consideration you inevitably come up against" in thinking about the genetic effects of nuclear war. A stock of uncontaminated sperm could

reduce genetic damage by 50% or more.

When men, whom we would believe to be leaders of a society, accept seriously such a diabolical proposal, one wonders what their conception of humanity is. Never before have U.S. Senators shown their thinking so blatantly—that the development of nuclear warfare is more important than the fundamental nature of human life. In their view it is humanity that must adjust itself to the new power, even to the extent of artificial insemination "to safeguard the human race". What type of men are these who hold such power in a nation that purports to lead the "free world" and who speak like monsters with distorted minds.

One indication of their calibre is that the Senate internal security subcommittee has subpoenaed the scientist Dr. Linus Pauling to find out whether "Communist organisations" are behind his petition to stop hydrogen bomb tests. The petition was signed by 2000 scientists. Because these men believe the protection of humanity is more important than nuclear warfare—then they must be "Communists" in the eyes of U.S. political leaders; and to combat Communism "we must increase our nuclear weapon strength". How much further can this fanatical and hideous policy go!

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Around the College

It's not as late as you think!

It is a unique characteristic of AUC that not one of the clocks in the lecture rooms is known to be workable—except perhaps, during examination weeks. The main clock, and the one in the Cafe, ensure that we are at lectures fairly punctually—but once there! What uncomfortable fresher at an evening lecture perhaps, has not been deceived into happy inattention to what should according to the large '5 minutes to 7' on the wall be the lecturer's closing words? That this is a traditional trap must surely shake the fresher's faith, and certainly it is permanently frustrating for the rest of the student body.

Why pay for it

The long queues of students with examination entry forms—and the appropriate monetary accompaniment—have been a depressing sight lately. That we are willing to pay good money for what will undoubtedly be a humiliating experience is surely a sign of student experience at its most incredible.

Caf. prices down

Thanks largely to the efficient investigations of Arthur Young, the 'emergency measure' adopted in the Cafe last term has been dropped. The prices of coffee and tea are now at sixpence again, which is a boon to the students, and must be a relief to Mrs. Ritchie as well.

Heard in the Council meeting

Mr. Curnow's Poem—"Out of Sight, Out of Mind," found its way into discussion at the last meeting of the College Council. Mr. Robinson was heard to describe it as "vitriolic," to which Dr. McElroy asked "did Mr. Robinson think it bordered on the obsidian?"

Clubs take note

A new notice-board will soon be erected in the cloisters and it is to be hoped that all groups holding meetings in the University will make use of it. The idea behind it is that it will collect together in one place during the current week, and coming, attractions for the following week.

To ensure that the fortnight's programme is advertised on the Monday morning, information must be handed to MHC by the Friday prior to the fortnight in which it is to take place, so that MHC can type out the cards and arrange the notice-board.

Make use of this excellent opportunity to wake up the apathetic student amongst us, and to increase your numbers at your meetings.

—C. Regan
M.H.C.

the Executive Elected Unopposed

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Grad Ceremony Fuss

Reporter: Colin Crisp

Several interesting topics came before the Executive meeting Monday 10th, notably the reorganization of the Student block. The cause of this is the proposed extension of the Cafe through the W.C.R. Several plans have been discussed but this latest seems to clear up the main problems.

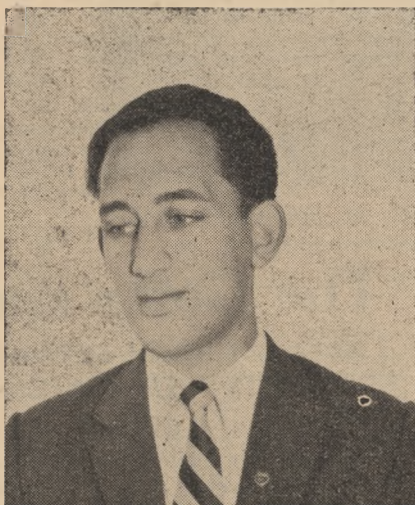
The WCR is to be an extension of the area around the fireplace being possibly a coffee lounge. MCR becomes the common room as does the tennis room; though this could be a separate WCR.

sec. Room becomes the men's reading room; the present reading room becomes the Exec. room with direct access to the secretary's room. The women's reading room becomes a general conference room for all club meetings. There is some talk about the future of the Fed. Room. It may become a women's reading room or remain headquarters for WHC and MHC. If it is opened as a reading room, WHC and MHC will both be in the present MHC room.

Executive gave its approval of this so the house committees can start finishing and redecorating certain rooms immediately. Such structural alterations as the extension of the Cafe and constructing a doorway through Mrs. Holm's office to the future Exec. must await final approval of the College Council.

There is some doubt about the future of the table tennis tables. They can remain in the common room where accommodation is imperative. However, is a separate conference room necessary? It reduces even more the men's area, whereas a lecture room or future reading room would serve the purpose.

However such problems as remain concern the naming of rooms. It is important that the present situation is not allowed to continue. If outside support is to be expected



President Elect
PETER GORDON

there was no party or intended party, and having to be forcibly ejected.

ii. Rowdy parties till daylight, rather too boisterous.

iii. Lack of respect shown to halls and private homes where students were billeted.

iv. Rowers boarding yachts and attempting to make off with them, thus delaying the start of various yacht races, and also causing considerable damage to them.

If outside support is to be expected

Referendum

Results of the Referendum, held in conjunction with the election of officers, to gauge student opinion on the relative merits of Princes Street, Hobson Bay or "Other Site" for the University, are given below.

	Hobson Bay	Princes St.	Other	Total
FOYER	154	111	29	394
CLOISTERS	286	149	58	493
ARDMORE	59	4	15	78
ARCHITECTS	22	14	8	44
	521	278	110	909
	(57%)	(31%)	(12%)	

go through so that structural alterations can begin.

Tournament shambles

Otago tournament committee have informed us that there were several complaints about student behaviour during the tournament; the trend seems to be towards vandalism. The Otago Yacht and Boat Assn. complained of interference with their yachts, and various matters and boarding-house proprietors also had complaints.

Students bursting into flats where

for tournament these incidents should be handled carefully. Otago has barred their students concerned in the yacht incident; probably AUC will send a letter of apology, and impose fines or bar the students likewise. It is believed those responsible will be asked to appear at the next Exec. meeting to plead their case. It may seem they are being made the scapegoats for the whole tournament, but it must be remembered that we are the hosts this winter and will have to deal with similar matters.

The problem of student behaviour at

PRESIDENCY FOR GORDON

Freyne-Men's Vice-President

As a result of the election held on the 6th and 7th June, Mr Peter Gordon was elected President and Mr Michael Freyne Men's Vice-President. The following is a statement of the results issued by the Returning Officer, Mr K. W. Loach:

	FOYER	CLOISTERS	ARDMORE	ARCHI	ELAM	TOTAL
GORDON	134	263	15	18	9	439
YOUNG	99	158	50	14	6	327
COULAM	48	58	8	11	5	130
Total votes cast for President						896
Majority for Gordon						112

	FOYER	CLOISTERS	ARDMORE	ARCHI	ELAM	TOTAL
FREYNE	103	171	29	8	6	317
HOWELL	79	132	24	18	4	257
BAYLEY	54	98	12	10	6	140
Total votes cast for Vice-President						714
Majority for Freyne						60

YOUR EXECUTIVE

The following students have been declared elected unopposed to the vacant positions on the Students' Association Executive by the Returning Officer, Mr K. W. Loach. As only sufficient nominations were received to fill the vacancies, an election will not be necessary in any portfolio.

Women's Vice-President	GRACE LI
Treasurer	CLIFF JUDD
Business Manager	ARTHUR YOUNG
Women's House Committee Chairwoman	MARY STEWART
Men's House Committee Chairman	ANDREW GURR
Societies Representatives	COLIN REGAN, NEIL MAIDMENT
Sports Representatives	GRAHAM MANSENGH, ANN LUND
Social Controller	MURRAY CHAPMAN
Student Liaison Officer	IAN POOL
Capping Controller	ALLAN JULIAN

Capping was thoroughly discussed. The feeling of the graduand members seemed to be that students did not realise till they were capped how important a ceremony it is.

Several suggestions were made to im-

prove future graduations:

i. That the speeches were partly at fault—shorter or fewer speeches might help. Alternatively an appeal might be made to students for quietness during speeches with reasonable freedom during the rest of the ceremony. However appeals to the students have been tried before.

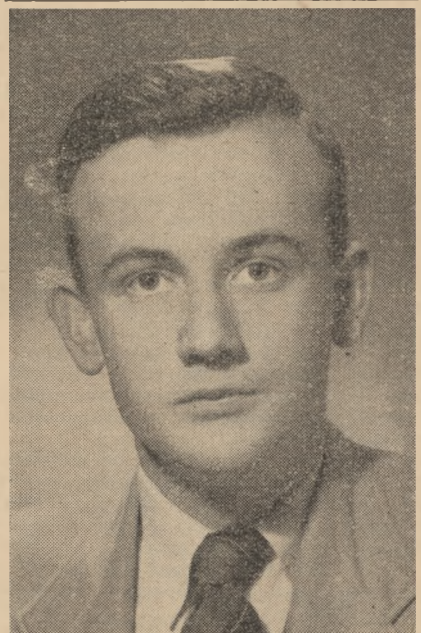
Students watch out!

ii. More radically, students should be debarred. Fortunately Exec. had the sense of proportion to realise this could only be a last resort. The feeling was that much of the interference was at least bearable. There were two types of interference—heckling and organized; organized was reasonable if the background could be abolished.

iii. Again, each seat could be individually booked, in the gallery as in the main Hall. This was tried in 1955 without success. Alternatively the upper gallery could be closed, removing the launching site for darts and spreading the hecklers.

iv. That the time, and perhaps day, of the ceremony be changed. In addition, if suits were compulsory, an evening Graduation should raise the tone of the ceremony. However, Friday would interfere with Revue, so Monday evening was suggested, with the Grad. Ball afterwards.

Since no substantial majority could be gained for any one suggestion, a compromise was effected, and the matter will be handed to the College Council for complete revision.



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The preamble to the Status states that the "World University Service is based on a concern for the sincere and disinterested search for truth, which implies creative, critical thinking, and freedom of study, teaching and research." It seeks the attainment of its objects—

"(a) through the extension of material aid to fellow members of the world university community in immediate need, particularly through assistance to self-help enterprises designed to serve long-term needs;

(b) through the mutual sharing of knowledge and experience gained in attempts to resolve basic university problems.

(c) through the bringing together of students and teaching staff to establish through personal encounter a basis of international understanding." — (From Article 2 of the Statutes).

The organisation evolved in 1950, to carry on the work of the European Student Relief (E.S.R.), International Student Service (I.S.S.), and World Student Relief (W.S.R.), all of which had functioned independently after the two world wars. Through a jointly planned "Programme of Action," World University Service each year aims at co-ordinating the efforts and contributions of innumerable students and teachers from all continents of the world in a united enterprise toward the greater well-being of university communities everywhere.

Each W.U.S. National Committee, in addition to its active participation in the international programme, carries out a programme designed to fulfill the aims and tasks of WUS in its own country. In some countries, projects to help meet material needs occupy a large part of the programme; in some, aid to refugee students requires concentrated effort; and in others, special attention must be devoted to stimulate and develop self-supporting educational projects, such as seminars, study tours and conferences.

New Zealand's share in the international programme is on the giving, rather than the receiving end. Each year our contributions go towards the South-East Asian programme. A study of the budget for 1957 shows a proposed international contribution of SF £169,500 to this area alone, to be spent on student lodging, educational facilities and equipment, individual and emergency aid. Alongside this we see the estimated national contribution of SF £754,500, which brings the total value of the schemes to SF £924,000. More than three-quarters of the amount is being raised by local effort, so that we are helping fellow students to help themselves and improve their own conditions. This is a feature of WUS assistance. This Central

International Programme is the hard core of WUS activities. It is the outcome of a genuine desire to work for mutual assistance and understanding, rising above differences of race, religion and creed. It is the means through which the individual efforts of countless students and teachers can combine to help where needs are greatest.

And in our own country, what is WUS doing? Asking for contributions, yes, but also looking to many students in our midst, who are not as well off as many of us. At its last meeting, Dominion Committee decided on the establishment of a bursary of up to £250 for the first year, and amounts to be decided on for subsequent years, for a Hungarian student immigrant to New Zealand, and that, as Dominion Committee is at the moment situated in Dunedin, this bursary should be held at Otago University. This, we

feel, is a worthwhile achievement for WUS in New Zealand.

In our own college we have many students from other countries who deserve a warmer welcome into our national life. They are a happy bunch, but this is a strange country for them, and sometime a cold one. The vacation in particular can be very lonely, so we gathered them together one wet, miserable night, in a private home, and everyone had a happy time. They cooked an international meal—food some of them had not tasted since leaving home. For those of us there, that evening was a wonderful experience. We were still quite cheerful when the "hat" was passed around to cover expenses. We only hope we can give them another such opportunity. There were songs from all corners of the globe, turbans and curry.

Join with us, next time we ask your assistance. It is your help and interest that means "WUS in Action." Look for the WUS notices, you'll find something interesting there, and when we shake a collection box before you, remember—it is going overseas for urgent and humanitarian relief work. It is impossible to study in poor conditions and with no facilities, or in poor health.

—WUS Committee, Auckland

The Goths and the Vandals

EXTRACT FROM REPORT TO A.U.C., UPON THE UNIVERSITY SITE CONFERENCE, BY R. G. McELROY

It would now seem fairly certain that the University must look elsewhere for its permanent home. It is plain, of course, that Princes Street will have to remain its temporary home, at least partly, for 10 to 15, perhaps 20 years, while the new University is being developed to its full extent on another site. This dooms the University to fragmentation, but this is a burden which must be faced with equanimity. It is a tragedy, but not so great a tragedy for the University as for the City itself.

The University will find another site. This Council must be resolute to see that it is a worthy one, worthy of the fine buildings which will one day be erected upon it. In the scheme prepared for Princes Street, we have had evidence that the College Architects have the talent to design for us again a group of buildings which will be an inspiration to its students and an adornment to the city.

The City is the poorer by this decision. The University was described at the last City Council meeting as the jewel in the Crown of Auckland. By their attitude towards the University last Thursday the City Council delegates have shown that they prefer that this jewel be worn by the city on its outer-skirt, if Tamaki be chosen, or, if Hobson Bay be the site, upon its under or nether garment. But certainly not in its Crown.

For Princes Street is the Crown of this City. It is the "acropolis" or "high city" for those two words are the translation of the famous Greek noun.

On the acropolis the Athenians first established a stronghold, then within it and upon it, erected their finest buildings which for 2,000 years have been an inspiration to the entire civilised world, and which, today, 2,000 years later, draw

tourists in their thousands to modern Athens.

So is it, too, of Edinburgh, capital of the Scots, that great race who with a fine sense of values will make any sacrifice for education. Edinburgh University has recently made the decision to remain upon its high ground restricted though it is, rather than accept a larger area a mile away, in the plain below.

So would it have been with Auckland. Princes Street is the high ground of the stronghold originally established as Albert Barracks. Upon this high point nearly forty years ago our College predecessors in office, with inspiration, established this College Building, which while mildly ridiculed at first, has melted with the years and woven itself into the hearts of those who have attended it, and its now famous tower has become for tourists and strangers the very symbol of this City.

But the men who know the cost of everything and the value of nothing have done their worst. The City has been conquered by the Goths and the Vandals, disguised in this modern age as SPACE MEN.

The University is not conquered! —Reprinted from 'Civic Digest', June 1957.

O'RORKE APPEAL—

FOUR DAYS TO GO

An option has been secured on Hotel Stonehurst adjacent to O'Rorke as an extension to the hall. The total cost will be £18,000 and the present option lapses on June 22. Appeal notices from the Warden, Dr. W. J. D. Minogue were posted to 4000 graduates by present members of the hall a week ago. By mid-day last Monday an encouraging total of £540 had been received from 130 donors.

It is hoped to raise £8000 from this source. Dr. R. G. McElroy who secured the option opened the appeal with a donation of £100 and the magnificent gifts of £5000 from Mr. N. B. Spencer and £2,500 from the Sargood Trust, has put this valuable addition to O'Rorke well within the range of possibility. The remainder of the required sum will be made up by government subsidy.

Fuller 'varsity life at hostel

There is surely little need to stress the advantages and the fuller university life to be gained from residence in a university hostel. However, Auckland University is sadly lacking in this respect. O'Rorke at present accommodates 75 men and 49 women. At the beginning of this year 68 first year applicants and 20 women had to be turned down. If Hotel Stonehurst is acquired 40 more students can be accommodated. It is eventually hoped to have at least one other hostel but this is not possible at

the moment.

Dr. McElroy addressed O'Rorke residents on Sunday night on Cambridge student life. It was consoling to note that not even Cambridge can accommodate all students and a large number are forced to live 'in lodgings'. He stressed the fact that Auckland University College had a tradition in spite of statements by "certain councillors." The tradition, he said lay in the students, not in the buildings. It had produced some great men, even among the much maligned part-time students. Moreover since 3 fifths of the present students are full-time AUC can no longer be written off as a night school.

The colleges of Cambridge he said in conclusion, began simply as small hostels. They had the advantage of 700 years but he hoped for great things of the young college of Auckland University.

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Fly Tasman scheme streamlined for '58

Last year's successful in spite of snags

"Most of the trouble with this year's scheme stemmed from difficulties connected with the Olympics and lack of co-operation with Australia," said Mrs R. M. Beach (Res. Ex.), the Travel and Exchange Officer, when presenting her report to the Council.

"However," she added, "I feel that given adequate co-operation between NZUSA and NUAUS the Scheme is still workable."

There were 34 confirmed applications by November 20th for the Olympics compared with the original 80 and students travelled by air at the normal 10% reduction for group bookings. Few details about accommodation and ticket arrangements for the Olympics were received from the NUAUS Travel and Exchange Officer, and even though NUAUS supplied a list of billets by November 8th so many despairing students had arranged their own accommodation that considerable confusion resulted.

Arrangements for nine NZ students to attend the International Student Congress held after the Olympic Games were completed by Mr W. Iles (Res. Exec. V.U.C.), the assistant Travel and Exchange Officer.

On the whole Olympic travel was satisfactory in spite of the confusion, arising from students cancelling their applications with Cooks without letting NZUSA know, and because of the lack of any interim information from Australia.

Dealing with the December-February part of the scheme, Mrs Beach noted that it consisted of two types: those students travelling to Australia, and the arrangements for their return. Only 15 of the 50 who originally applied travelled by air at group travel rates to Australia. But as far as NZUSA was concerned this part of the scheme was a success.

elaborate plans

On the other hand the same could not be said about Australia-New Zealand selection. Little definite information was received from NUAUS about numbers of Australian students coming to NZ, although it had been intimated that at least 100 students could be expected. Accordingly Colleges, particularly Auckland and Victoria, made elaborate plans for billeting and entertainment. Mr Iles collated the information supplied by Colleges and distributed the resultant "lucky packets".

By December, NZUSA's only knowledge was that 16 students would arrive in Auckland on New Year's Day. Actually only 12 students arrived from Australia under this year's scheme. Auckland received few accurate details of arrival times, numbers or names, and Australian students who did arrive had not received the information sheets and application forms from NUAUS which NZUSA had sent concerning Congress.

Mr Iles detailed the difficulties of co-operation with NUAUS and cited the instance of NZUSA being told the congress in Australia was at Sydney whereas it was at Melbourne.

Mr P. W. Boag (A.U.C.) praised the Olympic section of the scheme, then detailed Auckland's arrangements for the reception of the Australians, and the resultant difficulties. He noted that where the city arrival was known, members due had not arrived. Some of those expected by air at Auckland had come by plane and landed at Wellington, and Auckland Executive members meeting planes at Whenuapai had found, despite advice to the contrary, there were no Australians aboard. Further, those Auckland students who had travelled to Australia told him that they had not been met on their

arrival and were left to make their own arrangements, despite agreements between NZUSA and NUAUS on this matter.

desired

Miss G. Jackson (V.U.C.) agreed and said that Victoria students were misinformed about dates, but at the same time to drop the scheme would be a retrograde step. She was supported by Mr D. Stewart (C.U.C.) who visited Australia during the Christmas vacation. Mr P. Gibbons (Congress Controller, 1957, V.U.C.) thought it desirable to have Australian students at Curious Cove and hoped co-operation would improve this year.

The President of NUAUS, Mr J. Thomas, an observer at the Council Meeting, said that NUAUS was concerned over the failure but definitely wished the scheme to continue.

He outlined NUAUS procedure for Travel and Exchange. Applications and deposits from all states were lodged with Cooks and travel agents completed the necessary formalities, while NUAUS retained the Travel and Exchange form and completed accommodation arrangements.

keeping watch

As a result of last year's failure a Travel Director, centered in Sydney, had been appointed, and there was now more stricter surveillance by NUAUS on his work.

Motions passed at NUAUS Council Meeting during January also guaranteed that students will be met and provided with first night accommodation, while employment contacts would also be listed. Copies of the Travel and Exchange Officers' correspondence with other NUAUS members and with NZUSA will now also be sent to the NUAUS President.

Mr J. D. Dalgety (President, NZ USA) enquired whether NUAUS had considered the appointment of an assistant Travel and Exchange Officer as had NZUSA. Mr Thomas replied that the NUAUS Officer had power to delegate his duties but this had never been done.

sending thanks

Canterbury, seconded by Auckland, then took up Mrs Beach's first recommendation that Thomas Cook & Sons be thanked for their service in arranging travel for NZ students during 1956-57 and that they be congratulated for their efficiency in handling the arrangements despite the difficult conditions. This was passed unanimously.

When the second recommendation concerning Cooks about the handling of next year's scheme was introduced, Mr P. W. Boag said Auckland was the key college for the scheme, but he would not be prepared to guarantee an incoming Executive's support of the scheme after this year's fiasco.

Mr N. Beach (Res. Exec. protested that such a step was a wrong one for decreased efficiency of operation and thus endangered the Travel and Exchange scheme. Less students would participate, he said. He urged Auckland to reconsider their stand.

Mr Boag held that Auckland was

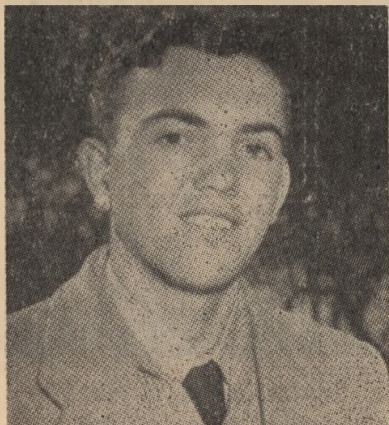
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DES DALGETY RE-ELECTED PRESIDENT

New Zealand University Students' Association President, J. D. Dalgety was re-elected for a second term on the last day of the Easter council meeting, held in the council chambers of Otago University.

During the NZUSA meeting, delegates worked on both the domestic and international student activities on the crammed agenda.

When the meeting opened on Friday morning Mr P. W. Boag presented the President of NZUSA with a carved wooden gavel and a valuable piece of hand painted Japanese cloth suitable for a backdrop or table piece, on behalf of the first South East Asian scholar in New Zealand, Wasisto Surjodiningrad. In a letter Wasisto said the gifts were a token of personal appreciation. He regretted being unable to attend Council meetings. Mr J. D. Dalgety expressed NZUSA's appreciation and



NUAUS PRESIDENT JIM THOMAS
an untangling traveller

a letter of thanks is to be sent to Wasisto.

Throughout the meetings NZUSA was honoured to have as an observer the much travelled President of the National Union of Australian Students (NUAUS), Mr J. Thomas. Mr Thomas' presence was a main reason in the decision to continue Travel and Exchange, after Auckland's stand had made it appear as if the scheme was threatened.

Tighter Song Book sales planned to end discord

The Council is to inform the Senate that NZUSA will not withdraw the present edition of the University Song Book from sale, but will try to restrict its sale in the future to University students.

Future editions will be approved by Resident Executive before publication.

In addition, NUSA will rectify the "technical breach of the act" which Mr W. Iles (Res. Exec., V.U.C.) discovered, and register as a distributor of publications under the Indecent Publications Amendment Act, 1954.

At the August meeting of NZUSA, a letter from Senate repeated a complaint about the quality of some of the songs in NZUSA's Song Book. The President of NZUSA discussed the matter with the Vice-Chancellor, and Resident Executive informed the Colleges that the book should be sold to students only, and in future they would like the opportunity of vetting its contents.

A further letter from the Senate in December explained there had been

another complaint, and asked whether NZUSA or the constituent colleges had taken steps to withdraw the book.

At Resident Executive's request Mr Iles presented Easter Council with a report. He found that NZUSA is clearly responsible for its publishing since the Association's name and crest appear on the cover, although Canterbury actually printed it at the request of NZUSA.

aim not immoral

Under the Indecent Publications Act, 1910, and the 1954 amendments, it is doubtful whether NZUSA could be indicted on the score of "immoral or mischievous tendency", in view of the book's nature and the fact that its circulation is restricted to University students.

Mr Iles said that while no song would justify banning the book, future editions should be referred to Resident Executive for approval before publication.

He felt that some songs, numbers 2, 4, 9, 27, 55, 90 and 92 were of "doubtful worth and questionable quality" although some had appeared in student song books for a number of years. Mr P. W. Boag (A.U.C.) complained that NZUSA should not let itself be badgered by an individual.

The meeting resolved to inform the Vice-Chancellor that NZUSA is not prepared to withdraw the present edition, but that future editions will be strictly supervised.

Due to Auckland's interest in University Education, College executives are to consider and report back to Resident Executive upon the desirability of standardisation of higher education with other countries of the world.

Resident Executive will then collate this material and report to the next Council meeting in August, and if delegates agree make subsequent representations to the Academic Board, the Council of Legal Education and the Curriculum Committee.

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ISC size limits contacts

'Support seminars as well'

As the International Student Conference is becoming too large for lasting personal contact to be made with all the countries attending, NZUSA should give more support to regional conferences and seminars to get this contact.

This was recommended to the council by Mr P. W. Boag (A.U.C.), leader of the New Zealand delegation to the sixth I.S.C., held at Paradeniya, Ceylon, in September, 1956, when he presented the delegation's report.

Other delegates were N. B. Beach and P. J. Gordon.

"As an organ of spreading the intangibles of international goodwill and good relationships, ISC is becoming too large for lasting personal contact to be made for all the countries attending," he said.

To overcome this, the present system, support of regional conferences and the regional seminar should be widened. The value and worth of ISC conferences are only too often seen as the intangibles resulting from the meeting of students from different parts of the world.

Fly Tasman . . .

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NOT against Travel and Exchange but against on inefficiently run one due to a breakdown in co-operation between the two national unions running the scheme, since there was about £1500 involved. Arrangements had been made for 80 students and it was possible that the public concerned have been irrevocably prejudiced.

Mr Thomas said he was sorry Auckland took this stand especially since they had offered no constructive suggestion or compromise.

The President of NZUSA interrupted and ruled that since NZUSA and NUAUS were both vitally concerned a sub-committee should be set up. This was subsequently done and the recommendations received later by Council.

guarantees

Mrs Beach, Chairman of the Sub-Committee, noted that all the recommendations were all in the form of written guarantees under six headings.

Charter flights were to operate on dates approximate to December and February 16th in a DC4 56 seater plane, with September 10th the closing date in both countries. If numbers were insufficient by October 31st then the Charter had to be cancelled and group travel resorted to, while each student must pay their return fare before embarking.

Reception and accommodation of students arriving was guaranteed pursuant to sex and numbers being known and relevant information given to the arriving students in the form of lucky packets.

Each union was to supply applications for their particular Congresses in time for attendance to be assured, and each Travel and Exchange Officer to convene a sub-committee to delegate his duties. Copies of correspondence would be sent to the President and Travel and Exchange Officers of both countries, while the Travel and Exchange scheme must be fully publicised.

These recommendations were unanimously passed, and Mr Dalgety thanked Mr Thomas for his attendance to resolve the difficulties encountered last year.

deposits

Mrs Beach thought that all application forms should state that half of the registration fee would be returnable provided NZUSA were informed six weeks before their projected departure. An Otago amendment that the registration fee be doubled with £1/10/- returnable, as an added impetus to students to notify Resident Executive, was carried.

Council recorded their appreciation of the work of the present Travel and Exchange Officer, Mrs Beach, who was not available for re-election, for so efficiently handling the scheme during such a trying period.

However, there were also the practical achievements of international student conferences.

At the 6th ISC, for instance, it was decided to support the African Medical Scholarship Trust Fund for African students at Witwatersand; to set up a scholarship of its own to enable non-European students to study outside South Africa; to undertake the sending of textbooks to underprivileged countries;

To investigate the possibilities of building a sanatorium in S.E. Asia; to co-operate once again with WUS in providing relief; to establish a book and art exchange;

To continue to facilitate student travel and to attempt to overcome all the related problems; to investigate the setting up of a centre of documentation providing technical assistance; to continue publishing the Information Bulletin and "The Student" if possible in Arabic and German as well as English, French and Spanish;

To investigate the possibilities of an Asian Student Press Bureau and also an International Press Bureau; and to continue holding Regional Conferences and Seminars.

too big to ignore

From previous reports it appeared that the disputes between ISC and IUS (International Union of Students, where the emphasis is placed on partisan politics) could be ignored since ISC had become so large. On the other hand, IUS appeared to be concerned over the support ISC was receiving and had appealed for co-operation between the two national organisations at Paradeniya.

The affect of IUS observers there was that some delegations, e.g. Sudan, were persuaded into presenting IUS opinions upon such subjects as world student unity. These attempts only had some measure of success when issues such as the affects of colonialism in certain areas (e.g. Algeria) were being discussed.

On the whole, however, the IUS observers must have been bitterly disappointed at their failure.

The Conference considered recommendations from specialised commissions dealing with such matters as Travel and Exchange, Internal Student Delegations, Press, Seminars, and Educational Affairs.

Most important was the Basis of Co-operation Commission, consisting of one member from each delegation, which considered the ramifications of student unity. Difficulties were encountered in the preparation of statements and with the majority vote only required for the adoption of any motion.

little value

"We do not, for instance, see what importance those controlling Cyprus would attach to a motion calling on them to correct injustices to Cypriot students when the motion had been passed with 24 countries in favour, 21 against, and five abstaining", remarked Mr Boag.

The principles of student co-operation which have formed the basis of ISC during its first six years were again adopted.

According to these co-operation must be practical, voluntary, and without discrimination; based on the common understanding of and concern for universal student problems which are necessarily political in nature but which are clearly non-partisan. The Secretariat must be notified two months before the conference about statements.

The Research and Information Commission (RIC) investigates these allegations. Last year RIC visited and compiled reports upon South Africa, Venezuela, Paraguay, Spain and East Germany, while this year teams will be sent to Algeria, Nicaragua, Goa and Cyprus.



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CHIEF DELEGATE BOAG
all of them the same

In the case of Algeria, the statements supporting the enquiry into the possible violation of academic freedom, especially study opportunities, were very strong.

logic v. emotion split

Thus began a long and at times violent debate, with the Latin American and Afro-Asian delegates speaking in favour and most of the European countries against.

The latter group, which New Zealand supported, were concerned at the lack of adequate documentation, the political nature and the dogmatic wording of the motion which all but precluded a RIC team being sent.

In the final roll call when the motion was passed by 28 to 18, New Zealand against, it was found the debate had had wider implications since Australia had voted in favour and New Zealand against.

This lack of co-operation with Australia was most noticeable during the election for the Supervision Committee. NZUSA had given the delegates a strong directive to put New Zealand's name forward, but both New Zealand and Australia had stood and been unsuccessful.

Commenting upon this, Mr J. D. Dalgety (President NZUSA) pointed out that co-operation between Australia and New Zealand at Istanbul (1954) was of the highest order. At Birmingham (1955) it had deteriorated but not to the extent of Paradeniya (1956). Both countries had admittedly received a strong mandate but surely some compromise could have been reached.

concern

Mr J. Thomas (President NUAUS) who was also at Paradeniya, said Australia was concerned at New Zealand's attitude to certain matters, particularly Algeria, and thus stood despite her nomination. There was never any suspicion of her integrity, he said.

Mr Thomas then detailed Australia's reason for supporting the Algerian motion even though two months notice had not been given. NUAUS had received a circular from UGEMA (the Algerian students' union) and each of the Algerian statements had been facts able to be checked from newspaper reports.

Presentation of such reports was allowable in exceptional circumstances and Australia considered that this was the case.

Mr D. Mummery (V.U.C.) asked if NZUSA were going to adhere to the legal interpretation of adequate documentation.

Mr Boag commented that New Zealand considered all the questions debated by RIC—Algeria, Cyprus, Goa—were the same where adequacy of documentation was concerned, yet Australia had voted differently on each. Therefore either Australia's attitude to "adequate documentation" was inconsistent or different from New Zealand's.

Mr K. Melvin (O.U.) said the policy with regard to future conferences must be decided. Mr E. Woodfield (V.U.C.), reading a prepared statement, said the time spent on

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International Affairs at the Council Meetings reflected the stress on this aspect of student affairs.

He affirmed NZUSA's general policy and the time devoted to educational questions, such as bursaries, and sporting matters, the running of tournaments for instance.

He considered these were NZUSA's prime concern and only after these had been fully considered should delegates debate questions of student travel in overseas countries (e.g. the issuing of student identity cards) and the assistance of S.E. Asian students.

NZUSA's most important direct concern was S.E. Asia and thus the only thing to be considered was the priority. The 10,000 New Zealand students which delegates represented must be considered first, he said.

Council next considered the question of continuity in overseas delegations. Mr Boag stated that in the past New Zealand had not attempted any continuity from one delegation to the next. It was all a question of what part NZUSA wished to take in ISC affairs. If only disseminating the experience of overseas travel was wanted, then no change need be contemplated.

needs continuity

On the other hand, if participation on the Steering Committee was aimed at continuance of delegations was necessary.

Mr Beach (Res. Exec.) thought a strong mandate such as was given to the delegates implied such continuity should be NZUSA policy. Mr M. Pickering (C.U.C.) disagreed, saying that each conference was a separate entity. He wondered if the Australian system of appointing active students could be fully adopted.

When it was apparent that there was an equal division of opinion, Mr Beach said that the motion need not be voted upon since it had been fully discussed. The procedural motion that the matter be not put was then carried.

At this stage Council passed two general directives: the first that no mandate be given to delegates to the 7th ISC to press for representation on the Supervision Committee; and the second that Council considered statements from the Bases of Co-operation Commission should be issued only on the decision of two-thirds of its participants.

liberal directive

Continuing with general directives to delegations to ISC, Mr Mummery moved that they take every step to persuade other delegations of the need for a reasonably liberal and consistent interpretation of the principles of co-operation with other student unions.

He explained that a reasonable interpretation meant that the Conference should not deal with partisan or political matters, nor the conflicts between two sovereign states, but that by studying adequate documents other statements could be admitted.

Delegations must realise, for instance, that the student and politics in S.E. Asian countries were so interrelated that educational development and form was determined by political factors.

Mr N. Kingsbury (Res. Exec. C.U.C.) agreed that "political" matters should receive a more liberal interpretation, but ISC must be careful not to allow politically biased statements to be accepted or else it would eventually destroy itself. The motion was carried after Mr Dalgety had pointed out that it was a general directive.

A motion from Canterbury thanking the delegation for the very fine performance of their task was carried with acclamation.

Goodwill tourist finds Asian ignorance of New Zealand

"In all the countries I visited, I found practically a universal ignorance of New Zealand and of New Zealand students and their activities," said Mr P. J. Gordon (A.U.C.) when presenting his report to council on his goodwill tour of Pakistan, India, Burma, Hong Kong and the Philippines.

Mr Gordon said that being a Maori he was able to give an inkling of the culture and traditions of the Maori people. "I did my best to convince them that New Zealand's native race was not still in the Stone Age and was not an oppressed race in the meaning of the term," he added.

The Asian Foundation provided the finance for this extensive tour of S.E. Asia, in line with its policy of encouraging through private support visits between student organisations, provided they are on a non-political basis. "The Foundation must be highly praised for their courteous and immediate help to me whenever I wanted it," said Mr Gordon. Council unanimously resolved to send a letter of thanks to the Foundation.

Student organisation and control was extremely complicated in S.E. Asia, and now that NZUSA is interested in the area, much time will have to be spent in untangling this. The two most important unions of the University of Karachi (10,370 students, 1956) were probably the Karachi University and the Sind Muslim College. The centralising body, the I.C.B., directly represents the students of Karachi. Karachi's student set-up was not as straightforward as first appeared, since there were about 47 student unions of sorts in Pakistan, of which, such as the Pakistan Students' Institute of International Affairs (PSIIA), went to great lengths to claim that they were the most representative Pakistani student union.

political targets

The total student population of Calcutta was 90,000, but the organisation of the various student unions in the city was extremely complex. As yet India has no national union of Indian students because of political differences, aggravated by the many smaller unions based upon politics striving for power. As a single educated group, the student unions

are the target of many political opportunists, yet even so they do not want to leave politics alone. "This attitude to politics is one which NZUSA must realise and adapt itself to, and be willing to extend the basis of thinking if we want to do something really constructive in the S.E. Asian area," added Mr Gordon.

Practical communist student activity had prevented Burma from sending a delegation to the 6th ISC and was reflected by the election results, which were announced while he was in Burma. On the one hand there was the Communist inspired SUF, and on the other the Socialist sponsored Independents and the Democratic Students' Organisation (DSO) working together as a bloc against the communists. The 67 per cent. of the students who exercised their rights gave SUF a clear majority mainly because of their policy; for instance the abolition of all compulsory lectures. Burma, even so, was typically S.E. Asian, for there were strong student political movements there.

marked difference

Student organisation in Hongkong was unique in S.E. Asia, said Mr Gordon, for the majority of students "come from wealthy homes, appear very pro-West, pro-New Zealand and anti-communist". The differences between these well provided students at the University of Hongkong and the refugee students in attitudes, social class and wealth was extremely marked. Eventually some closer contact between the two will come, but not at present.

Concerning the question of future goodwill tours, the President of NUAUS, Mr J. Thomas, pointed out that Australia's interest was two way. A delegation of six Indonesian students, a team of debaters from Bengal, and a goodwill mission of 12 to look at student union organisation had either been or were soon to visit Australia. Council asked Resident Executive to send the results of an enquiry into the costs of projected tours of S.E. Asian countries to College executives as soon as possible. Mr Gordon was congratulated on his report and thanked for the good relations he has established for NZUSA.

Delegates point out press conference's success

"Increased co-operation between the student press in Australia and New Zealand and the student press in other Asian countries should lead to a greater measure of co-operation and understanding in the wider sphere of international student activities," said Mr D. L. Round, senior New Zealand delegate to the Asian student press conference.

The New Zealand delegation to this conference in Manila, February 18-24, Messrs D. L. Round and D. J. Stone, were presenting their joint report to the Easter Council Meeting. Such concrete proposals as the establishment of the Asian Student Press and Information Bureau pointed to the success the Conference was in every respect, he added.

The theme of the Conference, "The Problems and Responsibilities of the Asian Student Press, and its Role in National Development" was divided into four commissions: (A) The history, problems and responsibilities; (B) Its responsibility to society and role in national development; (C) Formation of an Asian Student Press Bureau; and (D) the Asian Student Press relations with national and international student organisations.

censorship

There was much interest in the question of censorship (Commission A) where it was seen that N.Z., Australia and Indonesia were the least affected. Indirect censorship was presented throughout the rest of S.E. Asia although the situation is improving. The most blatant censorship was at Paradeniya where the university administration examines all copy before publication. The Conference expressed concern at this procedure, asked that censorship be eliminated and urged the Ceylonese delegation to ISC to take the matter up at Ibadan. Commission A also adopted a code of ethics for the student press (here N.Z. with its Press Council constitution was able to help) and decided to compile a history of the Asian Student Press to be presented at the 7th ISC. NZUSA gave the Press Council a mandate to prepare this.

In Commission B the political status of the country represented was the essential factor in determining the relations of student press to society and its role of national development. In stabilised countries—New Zealand, Australia, Japan and Hongkong—the role was much less important than in the Philippines, Indonesia, Pakistan, India, Ceylon and Malaya. In the latter the student press disseminates news and establishes public opinion. Here the political affairs were also the student newspapers concern. In Malaya then the "Malayan Student" has supported the struggle for independence, but on a non-political basis. New Zealand's only substantial link with the majority of Asian students in this respect thus rests upon its progressive attitude towards Asia and its ability and willingness to publish what the daily press will not.

by end of year

Commission C, the most important of the Conference, discussed a proposal for the establishment of an Asian Student Press Bureau. It adopted several recommendations relating to its establishment, and, finance permitting, the Bureau could possibly be functioning by the end of the year. The existence of a Bureau to collate, edit, and disseminate news of Asian student activities will prove invaluable to College newspaper editors.

In Commission D N.Z. once again found itself atypical. In most of the S.E. Asian countries there was no central national student press organisation, and, as a parallel, generally no national union. Delegates expressed admiration at N.Z.'s set-up and saw the co-operation they desired in their own countries epitomised in the relations between NZUSA and NZUSPC, e.g. the Press Council supplements publicising NZUSA affairs. The Conference urged the need for the establishment of a national student press organisation to "provide a link between the student press and the national union, in order to achieve greater co-operation and a closer relationship".

Mr J. D. Dalgety (President, NZUSA) complimented Messrs Round

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Res Exec to build exam fee anchor

Council have directed Resident Executive to investigate the possibility of Senate raising examination fees and to present the students' case whenever the question is discussed by Senate.

This was the result of the President, Mr J. D. Dalgety, asking for a directive from Colleges since they were all of the opinion that exam fees should not be raised, but had given Resident Executive no constructive reasons for doing so.

This question was deferred at the February Senate meeting and he felt that the matter required immediate consideration. He had been informed by the Vice-Chancellor, Dr. G. Currie, that the proposed fee increase was to cover higher scholarship demands and the greater sum paid to examiners. The matter had been deferred to allow the presentation of a report so that how much the fees should be raised could be investigated.

Representations had been made years ago on this matter, said Mr Dalgety, and he spoke strongly against the Senate's move. Mr Boag agreed and then moved the general directive expressing NZUSA's concern over the matter.

Senate seat: leg 2

Although the Senate of the University of New Zealand rejected NZUSA's claim for student representation, NZUSA will ask them to reconsider their decision at their August meeting. College executives will once again personally approach Senate members for support.

This matter should be kept continually before Senate, remarked Mr

E. Woodfield (V.U.C.) and the President agreed. The rejection of the students' claims was a matter of great regret, the latter said.

However, the voting, with 16 against and 9 in favour, showed there was some support despite members' concern about the preservation of the status quo. Mr G. D. Kerr (O.U.) remarked that Otago's delegation went to the meeting persuaded of the students' needs, but returned firmly convinced to the contrary.

The recommendations directing Resident Executive to pursue the matter was then passed, with Mr Woodfield pointing out that this was correct procedure since there seemed no legal arguments against student representation.

Plans delayed

Although neither the New Zealand nor the Indonesian Governments have approved the Graduate Employment Scheme the former will give consent shortly and then NZUSA can make formal application to the Indonesian Government.

Mr Dalgety said the Department of External Affairs had let Resident Executive down on the matter. He had been assured by department officials that the scheme had been approved in principle yet the department had "done little to ensure that it became an actuality".

As a result of the assurance he had been given, a Selection Committee was approved on October 23 to interview the candidates and examine their qualifications. Several applications had been received in response to newspaper publicity, but the commit-

tee could not consider these due to departmental lethargy. Mr Boag remarked that because of Australian progress in Indonesian, the Department's reason for the delay seemed trivial.

Make gifts tax free

NZUSA have decided to approach the Government with a view to having them agree that gifts to the value of £1 or upwards, made by the taxpayer to a public University, be allowable as deductions for income tax purposes.

This was brought up by Canterbury who had introduced the remit at the August Council meeting, when it lapsed through lack of detailed information.

Mr D. Stewart (C.U.C.) pointed out that normally NZUSA did not concern themselves with Income Tax legislation. However, in this case the University in particular was affected and thus the students of New Zealand.

We were the only Commonwealth country, he said, which did not have such legislation, while in most it went further, and included all charitable organisations.

The University Teachers' Association had already approached the Government about this. Admittedly, Income Tax legislation was difficult to amend but the resultant benefits would be considerable.

Mr Boag agreed. Within the next decade students would have to raise £200,000 for new union facilities. The immense wealth of American Universities was because legacies were tax free. Publicity of the students case was needed and possibly the P.R.O., in liaison with the Press Council, could assist in this direction.

NZUSA oppose apartheid

NZUSA is to register a strong protest to the South African Government about the introduction of apartheid in the Universities as a "grave breach of the principles of academic freedom."

This move was the result of the rejection of an Auckland remit that NZUSA write once again to NUSAS (National Union of South African Students) expressing our support and solidarity with them. Mr J. D. Dalgety (President NZUSA) queried whether this course was strong enough, and Mr J. Thomas (President NUAUS) thought quite definitely that it was not. Mr Thomas explained that NUAUS had written to the South African concern as well as to the newspapers pointing out that in Australia the studying of European and coloured students together had had no derogatory affect upon University life.

Mr R. N. Turner (Res. Exec.) thought the move a worthwhile one. One of these principles is to teach whom one pleases. The Universities of Capetown and Witwatersand wished to maintain open Universities, but when the University Segregation Bill was passed they would be unable to do so. When some members asked whether NZUSA could achieve any tangible results, Mr J. D. Dalgety pointed out that governmental policy was particularly sensitive to overseas' opinion and thus the protest could possibly have some affect.

Congress size is problem

Mr A. P. Holman, a fifth year Accountancy student at Auckland University College, was appointed Congress Controller for 1958 at the Easter Council Meeting. His election followed the presentation of three reports on last year's Congress by the 1957 Controller, Mr P. Gibbons (V.U.C.).

Dealing first with his own report, Mr P. Gibbons pointed out that once again Victoria had numerically dominated Congress. With the numbers approaching 170, Congress costs were rising and problems of accommodation and organisation were appearing.

He recommended that numbers in future be limited to around the 150 mark. As an adjunct of the Travel and Exchange scheme an invitation was extended to the Australian students. Due to the unfortunate breakdown of the scheme there had been very little response in spite of the trouble taken from the New Zealand end.

surplus absorbed

The Budget showed that although Congress Committee had budgeted for £50 from NZUSA, this amount had been only £30. It was, however, found during the discussion that the previous surplus of £138 had been absorbed.

Concerning entertainment, Mr Gibbons felt that there had been too much, and that future Controllers could well allow less time for this and put more emphasis on the holiday aspect.

This year Congress was attended by Mr and Mrs N. Beach representing NZUSA. Those attending Congress thought that this gave a valuable insight into the affairs of student government and the precedent followed.

little background

The Chairman, Dr. F. West (V.U.C.), noted that whilst the talks were of a high standard, students often did not have sufficient background to criticise. Mr Gibbons praised the efforts of Mr T. Hill (V.U.C.), the Congress Press Officer, especially with regard to the supplement he produced for the Press Council afterwards.

NZUSA then considered the resolutions passed at Congress. The first calling on NZUSA to condemn the Soviet aggression in Hungary and help displaced Hungarian students was noted as having already been dealt with by Resident Executive and the College executives.

On another, urging the abolition of Compulsory Military Training, no action was taken on the ground that changes were expected. Several of the other resolutions were on subjects covered elsewhere in the supplement.

A few others, on political subjects, were ruled out of the discussion on policy grounds. It was felt they did not concern student affairs closely enough.

One resolution that the Immigration Department give bone fide students easier access to, and easier conditions of residence in, New Zealand was carried after the Auckland delegation had pointed out several anomalies.

In the case of Fijian students, strict control was kept by the Labour and Employment Department. There have been actions by this department which conceivably might be justified in relation to internal Fijian policy, but so far no such justification had become apparent.

There was dissatisfaction expressed on the situation with regard to private paying students who wish to study in New Zealand. Quite often they could get little information until they arrived, nor on what the status of their qualifications would be when they did arrive.

Along with this it was felt that that the qualifications for study in New Zealand by overseas students should be regularised. Such a situation, together with the often off-handed treatment by the Immigration Office, made it difficult for many of the Colombo Plan students to settle down in the country.

It was decided that NZUSA with the help of College executives would look into this matter, particularly with regard to practical matters.

Team to hunt billeting bogies

Throughout the consideration of sporting topics it was evident that delegates were perturbed at the billeting situation. Victoria in particular felt that it should not be necessary for the host college to supply such things as free meals and emergency accommodation.

It was decided to set up a sub-committee to look into this matter, while individual colleges were asked to consider these problems as well.

no reports

Mr A. D. Robinson (Res. Exec.), the Sports Officer, mentioned in his report presented to Council that there had been swimming and skiing tours of Australia, an Australian Tennis tour of New Zealand, and a provincial tour of NZU cricketers.

However, reports of the tours had not been sent to him so that he knew little about any other than the tennis tour, with which he was closely associated. He asked that in future interim reports should be sent to him within two months of the conclusion of the tour.

With regard to tours the problem of eligibility had arisen. It was finally decided that eligibility for the particular sports tours commencing between June 1 and March 15 of the following year shall be as for that sport at Winter Tournament; and for those which commenced between March 15 and June 1 as for Easter Tournament.

possibility

This meant post-graduate eligibility was a possibility, for the post-graduate club member has greater claim since he has taken part in club activities at a time when a fresher has not.

The Sports Officer emphasised he was referring to "all sports" because he considered NZUSA had jurisdiction over the Rugby Council when it came to matches against overseas universities.

By the end of the year NZUSA would have to formulate a policy with regard to financial aid for overseas tours from College executives because of the varying degrees of assistance at present.

Blues panel

During tournaments, a sub-committee of NZUSA met the Blues Panel and discussed several suggestions on blues which had arisen in the Sports Officer's report or from the College executives.

On the first, that Blues should be awarded once only, a comparison was drawn with overseas universities, several of which follow this procedure. The Panel, however, considered that the "status quo" should remain because once a person had a blue it might lessen his incentive to take part in the sport.

The Panel reminded NZUSA that such people would still have to be evaluated by the Panel even though they could not receive blues, consequently such a suggestion would not lessen the work of the Panel. It was also pointed out that the proposed system was by no means general overseas.

On the question of better liaison with NZUSA it was recommended that a sub-committee, composed of at least some active university sportsmen, be set up. The reason was that occasionally there were complaints over the awarding of

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and Stone for three things—the effort, time and trouble taken in familiarising themselves with the S.E. Asian scene before they left for Manila; their able and comprehensive report; and the rapidity with which their report had been written to enable it to be presented to the Council Meeting.

This is the third of a series of supplements informing students of the activities of their notional union, NZUSA. It is not the official report of the meeting.

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PRO plugs Asian policy

Editors of daily newspapers were not enthusiastic about sponsoring appeals for funds to finance student goodwill tours, said Mr R. N. Turner (Res. Exec.), the Public Relations Officer, presenting his second report to Council.

In the meantime NZUSA should publicise its efforts in S.E. Asia, for this would enhance their successes in the future, he said.

The time was now ripe to begin such efforts. The first S.E. Asian scholar had arrived in the Dominion, and the Graduate Employment scheme for Indonesia may soon be put into effect.

In addition, a delegation has recently returned from the Asian Student Press Conference at Manila. All these efforts will be of interest to the public and the press. As to the problem of publicising NZUSA overseas, he thought that the COSEC publication "Student" would be a good organ for this.

Mr J. Thomas (President NUAUS) then gave the meeting some information

on fund raising schemes which had been run in Australia. Two types of appeal had been successful.

In the first type, an editorial board was interested, and a trust fund established as soon as the appeal was launched. Donations of three kinds were received: those given in the hope of fostering trade in the countries concerned; donations of goodwill; gifts from businesses which in return received publicity in the paper concerned. One such appeal run by the now defunct Melbourne Argus raised more than the target of £1500, £900 of it in two days.

The regional variation of this was when several papers carried on appeals for a local student to go on with a delegation. These too had usually been successful.

However, in New Zealand Mr Thomas thought the situation was different. Newspapers are not inclined to give free advertisement, and Australia is more Asia-conscious than New Zealand.

for student travel

In Australia a trust fund holds monies from such appeals, the stipulation being that this can only be used for student travel in Asia.

Asked by Mr E. Woodfield (V.U.C.) to what extent NUAUS used the Asia Foundation, Mr Thomas replied that Australia generally attempted to use Australian funds, thus emphasising that the people of the Commonwealth had sent the students.

Mr P. W. Boag (A.U.C.) disagreed with the PRO's statement that New Zealand newspapers did not favour the backing of appeals. He cited the case of the Auckland Star, the Editor of which would favour an appeal "when the time was right"—that time he felt was not yet here.

Mr Turner's report had mentioned Mr Odell, and the Government Information Service. Mr Boag urged the PRO to utilise this contact.

Mr N. Beach (Res. Exec.) said that the proposed Asian Students' Seminar could be the focal point for the fund raising and information programmes.

emphasis on Asia

The meeting directed the Public Relations Officer to pursue this year a policy of publicising NZUSA activities with particular emphasis on S.E. Asia. This was to be done via press and radio wherever possible. In addition information about NZUSA activities is to be passed on to COSEC publications such as "The Student".

Mr D. J. Stone (President NZUSPC) waited on NZUSA. He said the Press Council supported the V.U.C. remit calling on Resident Executive to supply the editors of College newspapers with the minutes of its meetings, and giving the Corresponding Member the responsibility of explaining the background or interpreting policy. After some discussion, mainly answering the point of misconception, this was carried.

The Council expressed its concern that so far there had been little liaison between the Public Relations Officer and the Student Press, despite the PRO's statement in his report to the contrary.

He emphasised that the Press Council welcomed the establishment of the portfolio and that it was felt that the liaison would grow as the portfolio became established, and as more bulletins of Resident Executive affairs and reports of any events of interest, such as the turning down of the students' case for Senate representation, were sent to the College editors.

Mr J. D. Dalgety (President NZUSA) said he thought that if the Public Relations Officer and the Press Council met each tournament, liaison might be closer.

O'Rorke & Carrington

Being a resident of O'Rorke Hall, I found my stay at Carrington Hall in Dunedin very interesting, since these are the only two co-educational hostels for University students in New Zealand.

The two hostels present a similar aspect with separate buildings for men and women students and a common dining-room and lounge. We are fortunate in having a large lounge in which supper, of a cup of tea and two biscuits each is served every night. This is a social interlude and the only duty we have to perform, which is a distinct advantage over Carrington with their kitchen, telephone and supper duties. Our meal hours are more convenient too, since we can go into the dining-room any time between the specified hours, while Carrington must be on time, within ten minutes. On the whole, the food is of the same standard but opinions would vary according to individual tastes.

More modern

Their girls' quarters resemble a boarding school with their long corridors and rooms opening off at regular intervals. They present a more modern aspect than O'Rorke which, however, is in the throes of a much-needed face-lift. Our rooms, especially in Sargood, have nearly all been recently painted and are more individual in decoration and colour schemes.

Carrington has a wonderful acquisition in their drying room, a magnificent place where clothes dry completely overnight. O'Rorke has sadly lacked in this for a long time, the men only having one which is less effective. But Sargood is, at last, going to acquire one, we hear. May it be modelled on Carrington's.

Both halls possess a library, O'Rorke's being the larger. A yearly grant of £25 by the Residents' Association helps to increase it. Our funds come from "Work Day" and advertised requests for work

find a good response among Auckland citizens. Two Saturdays in the first term are appointed for this and everyone is expected to help. This and funds raised by the Hall's presentation of "Fidelio" a few years ago, and with the help of a generous donation, bought us the pride of O'Rorke — the grand piano. We have

the old one as well for jazz

Carrington has no common swot lounge like O'Rorke's which has room for about forty students out of the hundred and twenty, of which there are forty-nine girls.

All bedrooms have three-point plugs and most of them have wash-basins while Carrington's rooms are only fitted with the necessary heater.

But the biggest difference between the two hostels is that O'Rorke has no late

leave rules. We have, therefore, a much freer life, we lead our own. There are always a few who may happen to lead a "gay" life, but they are the only ones who suffer the consequences. We are considered old enough to have sufficient sense in these matters. Besides, there are too many accessible windows and fire escapes to make the enforcing of this rule possible. We hold our former warden in high respect for giving us this freedom to come and go at our pleasure and our present warden for upholding this tradition. This is, I think, the ideal way for a University hostel to be run.

In conclusion I maintain O'Rorke is the best hostel of all.

—Discipula.



The vehicle parked outside does NOT belong to a student.

WHY NOT EX-STUDENTS IN SENIOR TEAMS?

Sirs,

Mr. Holdom, in your third issue this year attacked the Varsity Rugby Club for playing ex-students in their senior teams. Now although we have no intention of trying to fight the battles of the Rugby Club, we have certain things to say on the subject of ex-students which we feel apply to University sports' clubs in general.

Firstly, individuals are not often in the top rank of their particular sport until at least average University leaving age, but usually maintain their positions for some time afterwards. This means that if on leaving Varsity they are also required to leave their club, then the club concerned, loses someone whom it has fostered and raised to being a star performer.

Secondly, teams playing in senior competitions against the best in the province need an experienced core in their clubs to attend to administration and coaching. This business of having to inform Provincial and National Associations of new Presidents, Secretaries, etc., each year, is rather a bore and one needs to be out of school longer than three years to be able to coach A-grade teams. Now what better source for this experienced core is there than among our ex-students? And of course they would like to play the game too.

Then the claim is often made that students are being deprived of places in senior teams by ex-students, but how many of the students involved would bewail this fact when the inclusion of ex-students lifts their team to championship-winning heights? After all, a player only retains his position as long as there is no-one better.

Another angle worth examining is this. Why should we handicap our teams in the way Mr. Holdom suggests we do? Outside clubs have their old stalwarts both on and off the field of play who are towers of strength to their clubs.

After all this we would like to say to Mr. Holdom that we heartily endorse his observations in the *Sportsview* columns.

Gerald Wareing,
John Orbell.

very great day for the College when the Council, which had had the remedy to clamour for more than five times that amount, was so quickly brought to appreciate its forty concrete acres.

The objection is often raised by the ignorant that there are no playing fields on the Princes St. site. They could not be more mistaken. Have we not a tennis court? Two tennis courts, in fact—where eight individuals can amuse themselves at tennis, or any other healthy sport suitable for playing on the same area?

There is yet another all-powerful objection guaranteed to destroy any lingering desire for Hobson Bay. I speak of the Sewer. It is true that it is harmless and inoffensive by sewer standards, and no closer than the one that doubtless runs under the present site. But the other one seems, somehow, so indecently exposed . . . and reason or no reason it definitely makes Hobson Bay repugnant to most of us. Again, the Bay is undeniably low-lying; and few, I feel sure, could exchange our noble vistas of asphalt and asbestos for any grassy plain.

Finally, I appreciated the attack on the "mercenary interests." This sordid pre-occupation with money is far too common: I am convinced that any stirring lampoon on the subject would be well received.

—A.G.M.

LETTERS TO THE EDITORS —

SPORTS TOURS COST MONEY

Sirs,

L.H. in his letter in the last issue shows all the symptoms of those who write to the press. He reads a precis of several hours debate, misses the point, misinterprets and then gets steamed up over very little. All this is very entertaining and far be it for me to spoil the fun; but I feel the point I raised at Exec. is sufficiently important to warrant reply.

During the past few years there has been an increasing number of visits to, or from Australia by student sporting groups. Football, hockey, tennis, athletics, swimming, fencing, and I believe skiing have all figured recently. There is no basic reason why badminton, canoeing, golf, table tennis, soccer, rowing etc., etc., should not follow suit.

Splendid — the more the competition the better and (despite L.H.) there is something very wrong if a good time and a splendid holiday is not had by all. BUT — tours cost money. Usually clubs do much to raise funds for their particular sports. However it is not uncommon for Exec. to receive requests for grants or loans to assist in the finances.

Now although the Stud. Assn. has some £5,000 income a year it has for two years now fallen to my lot (as Society Rep.) to have to cheese pare in connection with Society Grants — even to the extent of seeing if we can reasonably reduce by a few pounds a £20 or so application by a club with maybe a hundred or more members. And each year a sum of around £400 is set aside for Exec. for Tournament expenses.

So obviously, as financial aspect alone, we must ensure that inter-dominion fixtures are arranged only when the stage in any sport has been reached that requires overseas experience to provide tough enough opposition to stimulate improvement. If finance did not enter into the picture then the story would be different but as long as students are asked to finance such tours, either directly or indirectly, then we must ensure that the tour is to improve the game and not presumably to give a group of students a pleasant overseas trip.

This matter came to a head when Exec. was asked to assist a tour of Australian fencers. Now this team was beaten by or else closely chased by every college in the University. Surely in such cases we are entitled to ask "was their journey really necessary." Seemingly if any college team had toured the remainder of the dominion fencers in the University would have received the same degree of "battle training."

—R. W. Roach.

Oh for Princes St.

Sirs,

I congratulate you on your editorial on the College site; few people, I am sure, could have expressed student opinion so well. One hears vague idealists talking in glowing terms of the advantages which other sites will have in the future. But whom should we be concerned about? Our own generation? Or should we submit to the discomforts of being moved in order to benefit some hypothetical students two centuries hence?

There is not the least doubt that our happiness is incomparably more important, and that it was, for this reason, a

NOTICE

WE THE UNDERSIGNED members of Debating Society request a SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING to discuss:

- (1) A Report on the resignation of the Secretary and Two Committee Members of the Society.
- (2) A Report on the Committee's Debating arrangements for the year.

We feel that all the Society's members should be given a full report by the Committee on the above items, and that the Committee's Report be then opened to general discussion.

Further, we give notice to the Committee that this Special General Meeting must be called within Fourteen days and the Debating Society members be given Seven days notice of the date of the Meeting, as from the 13th of June 1957:

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MURDER IN ST. MARY'S

by Paul Kemp

It is fairly certain that most of the people who attended any of the performances of this year's Festival play, "Murder in the Cathedral," went away quite satisfied. The play, and the locale in which it was presented, were both novel enough to arouse a good deal of interest, which was reflected in the fact that the season was sold out almost before it had started. And, any novelty apart, the audiences found a larger degree of participation in the events of the play, together with a more relaxed atmosphere, than would have been possible in a more conventional setting.

This was all to the good, and derived partly from the author's intention in writing the play for performance in a cathedral, and partly from the 'non-professional' quality of the production, which was refreshing and agreeable. There is no longer any stigma attached to the word amateur, and, in New Zealand at any rate, it often signifies something far preferable to the more mercenary entertainment from overseas. In fact performance was merely another in the line of productions demonstrating the essential soundness of New Zealand's amateur theatre.

The success of the production was also a minor triumph for adventure. It is pleasing to note that next year's Festival will see a play by a New Zealander, and if the winner of the Festival Competition serves us with something worth while, there is no saying where our drama may finish up. We may at least hope for something as promising as this year has shown.

Technical troubles

Promise aside, there were a number of faults, small and large, in the production as it came on the boards. Professor Musgrove had a number of problems to deal with, some of which he mentioned in an interview with *Craccum* a few weeks ago. The locale, the youth of the cast, and the relative immobility of the play itself, made it a tough and unenviable nut to crack, and it says a great deal for the producer's personality and tact that everyone so obviously enjoyed being in the play, audience included.

The cathedral was well used although perhaps not as daringly as we might have expected, and the chief fault was one of atmosphere. The excellent use of the

aisles to bring characters on stage through the audience, the spitting on the stage, and the carefully delayed appearance of the altar, which was thus vested with the status almost of a person in the play, and some excellent lighting all helped a great deal, while movement and grouping was always good, and at times brilliant. But the effect was spoilt time and again by a most abominable sound from the rear of the church, which resembled nothing so much as a Gregorian chant played on a barrel-organ. Whatever it really was, it certainly sounded frightful, and the atmospheric effect of the choir was completely lost. Was it too much to expect a live choir taking part in the play? Perhaps, but at least a reasonable reproduction could have been attempted.

The cast of the play, taking into consideration their youth and relative inexperience, made a good fist of the material the playwright has given them, though at times they could have been a little more familiar with their lines. Even a slight neglect of the basic principle that the lines must not merely be known, but be a part of the actor's mind, will inevitably hamstring any producer, no matter how accomplished. A certain degree of subtlety, which was general among the characters, may have been due to this not-completely-at-home feeling.

The chorus of women of Canterbury, one of the most effective things in the play, was well handled, if a little too shrilly hysterical at times. This was excusable, but rather grated on the ear, and should have been a little more varied. The movements of this group, on the other hand, were one of the very best things about the production, and the staggered exits and blended processions at

different times lent great strength to the implications of the play.

Of the individual characters, ones that stood out as worthy of note (besides the central characters) were the Third Priest, played by Graham Thomas, and the First and Third of the *Knights Templers*, played by Graeme Mills and Ronald Montague respectively. All were clearly audible, as indeed were all the characters, and though perhaps sharing in the general fault of not varying their tone of voice enough, they showed assurance in the portrayal of their individual characters.

Youthful cast

Mr. Montague was the best in this respect, but had a much less difficult part to play. Mr. Mills was better as a Knight than as a Tempter, and even better as the Chairman in the Address to the audience, but would have done better still if he had removed a certain woodenness from his demeanour during the Temptation scene. Mr. Thomas was the best of the Priests, the others, Mr. Seymour and Mr. Battley, marred what would have been good performances by failure to make themselves thoroughly at ease

Report From the Embassy



Does the continued popularity of Charlie Chaplin indicate lasting qualities in his work?

Festival or no Festival, the films keep on running. Perhaps more was spent on non-Festival films during the fortnight than on the whole of the Festival. So the films to be selected must be something out of the ordinary. They were hardly that. *The Silent World* and *Puccini* were well-made, enjoyable films. *Rashomon* was outstanding. It had such an effect on the audience I was in that many left before it finished, perhaps in a hurry to reform their way of life. For *Rashomon* besides being a drama of violence and terror, is as much a satire on 'saying the thing which is not' as is *Gulliver's Travels*.

Chaplin's *Gold Rush* looks like being a gold mine once more. Made in 1925, it seems to be a bridge between Chaplin's earlier pantomime and his later compound of sentiment, slapstick and sociology. All are enjoyable.

It is a pity that cinema managers, those domineering servants of ours, cannot see that trailers, newsreels, and, of all things, advertising films, are cut from Festival programmes. Otherwise the supports were good, especially the cartoons.

Perhaps the films could do with an artistic director to groom the programmes. Such a man could present illustrated lectures on the appreciation and history of the film as an art form. One of the means by which a mere entertainment medium becomes an art is the enlightened backward gaze.

—M.R.

in their parts. Both tended to develop unvaried mannerisms, which seemed more of nervous origin than anything. Mr Seymour was unfortunate in this respect, in that his assumed stoop too readily became a crouch, and cramped his style.

Voice too unvaried

But in a very real sense the chief blame for their defects should, I think, be placed squarely on the shoulder of the central character. Mr. Thomson's portrayal of the character of Thomas was even, consistent and, in a sense, convincing enough. It was also, in my opinion, vastly misconceived. The main cause of this misconception seems to have been Mr. Thomson's chief dramatic asset — his undoubtedly rich and magnificent voice. Aided by this sonorous instrument, he was able to make nearly every line he spoke with authority and conviction, especially during the sermon. Unfortunately, although the lines sounded wonderful, Thomas' character came through the experience most marvellously distorted. Instead of the varied, human and obviously fallible character Eliot has presented, we were faced with an impossibly superhuman being, impregnable, it seemed to temptation, and inconceivable either as a Chancellor, Eondoner or, in fact, Archbishop even. Drained of his humanity, and with none of the gentle irony which Eliot has injected into all his characters, Thomas became a most unvaried and boring person, with little else to do, apparently, but make high-sounding verse speeches. His superiority over the other characters both in terms of the play, and in point of experience, became so emphasised by this fashion of playing that at times the whole structure of the play was thrown out of balance, and at others became frozen into immobility. What was worse, the Irving-like style with which Mr Thomson delivered his lines was all but fatal to the verse of the play. So there is a vast difference in tone between modern and traditional verse in the theatre, and Mr. Eliot's play demands very different style from Shakespeare. As it was, it became very difficult indeed to establish that the verse was in fact written in our time.

Drama not elocution exercise

In view of all this, it says a very great deal for Mr Thomson's ability to play as his Maker fashioned him, if we consider the very real consistency of his performance. Certainly he is not alone in his view of verse drama as a sort of extended elocutionary exercise. It is, unfortunately, one of the main faults throughout the country, from Mr. Trevor and the New Zealand Players, to the most humble of ladies' drama societies. But the sooner emphasis is placed more firmly on the acted, as opposed to the spoken word, and the sooner that unfortunate tendency to approach verse drama and prose drama as two mutually exclusive categories of acting is done away with, the sooner New Zealand's drama will foster writers who are not afraid to exercise themselves in the medium of verse. And, incidentally, the healthier and better it will be for all of us.

"They're no Angels"

Although, like many light comedies and farces this Festival production defies real criticism, I should like to mention the Wellington Repertory Theatre's production of *My Three Angels*.

Most comedies may either be enthusiastically praised or else condemned. Some, like this, have a deeper thought running beneath them. But the trouble here is that many critics consider them too seriously and lose sight of the real value. In this play the serious thread is that the convicts cut off in French Guiana can still have some humanity though quite ruthless. Also Paul Gassagon is discovered to have some sort of ideals in his faithfulness to his fiancée.

The acting was outstanding and made a worth while contribution to the Festival. Marie Louise was outstandingly played by Rosemary Richardson and Joseph by Neville Toogood. But none of the acting was poor (with the possible exception of Colleen Walling's rather stiff Madame Parole.)

In the excessively hot French Guiana the Dulays keep an unprosperous store. They are threatened by the arrival of their financial supporter Gaston Lemaire, the failure of M. Dulay to keep accounts and insist on payment, and the desertion of Marie Louise by Paul Gassagon.

Three convicts working for Dulay turn his Christmas into something more pleasant by such crimes as theft, cooking the books, and two pleasantly juicy murders. Of course it all turns out well and the arrival of Lieutenant Espoir brings the hope of a fortuitous marriage for Marie Louise. But the convicts have got nowhere. Mme. Dulay has, for she will remember Jules all her life for what he and his companions have done.

Why I mention this play is that I want to deplore completely the undeserved poor houses that this production had. There is nothing more unpleasant for a drama group to see night after night a theatre of empty seats and the resultant weak applause. This was the only Festival presentation that did have really poor houses and it is not inexplicable. Undoubtedly the production was one of the best in the Festival, probably next to *The Medium* and the two National Orchestra concerts. Was it that Aucklanders did not want Wellingtonians? I hope not; but surely Auckland apathy does not discriminate quite as coincidentally. The play may not have been as good as last year's *Salad Days* but after all that was a musical and it was the catchy tunes more than anything that brought full houses then. No! I think perhaps the reason is the same as why our Auckland Repertory groups are ignored. People seem to imagine repertory theatre is of necessity poor theatre and that cheap prices mean cheap production. This is certainly far from the truth and if any of you take the trouble to go to three or four repertory productions in the near future I can assure them they will not be disappointed. The small outlay combined with excellent entertainment will make it a cheap but very pleasant evening for the young lady too.

—I.D.B.

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NZUSA RESIDENT EXEC.—

N.Z.—INDONESIA EXCHANGE APPROVED

The New Zealand government has approved in principle the NZUSA Graduate Employment Scheme, according to a letter received from Mr G. C. Burton of the Department of External Affairs, at a meeting of the Resident Executive of NZUSA in Wellington on May 29. The letter indicated that the department's representative in Djakarta, Mr. Hull, would investigate practical aspects of the scheme before full approval would be given.

It is believed the Indonesian government will readily approve the scheme once the New Zealand government has done so, and there seems to be no reason why the scheme should not be in operation by next summer.

The scheme provides for New Zealand graduates to work in Indonesia with the object of assisting the Indonesian people to rebuild their war-ravaged and underdeveloped country. Graduates working under the scheme would live in the same manner and receive the same rate of pay as Indonesians in similar positions.

NZUSA believes this is an important part of its international activities; it is one of the two specific schemes through which NZUSA hopes to give practical aid to South East Asian countries, a cardinal point in NZUSA's international policy. The other scheme is the S. E. Asian Scholarship under which an Indonesian student, Wasisto Surjodiningrat is at present studying at AUC.

At the Easter Council Meeting of NZUSA, president Des Dalgety told delegates that the association had been ready to put the Graduate Employment into operation for many months; an im-

Australian National Student Union for some years.

After lengthy discussion in committee Resident Executive rejected a proposal that an NZUSA representative attend the World University Service meeting in Utrecht (Netherlands), the Seventh International Student Press Conference in Helsinki and an international student seminar in Stockholm, all to be held next August. It was suggested that one of the two NZUSA delegates to the Sixth International Student Conference in Nigeria next September should attend these meetings on his way to Nigeria. Finance was the main factor in the Executive's decision.

NZUSA supports Queensland students

Resident Executive empowered the president (Mr. Dalgety) to write to the premier of Queensland (Mr. Gair), the Queensland University Senate and the Queensland student union (UQU) informing them that NZUSA considers certain provision of the University of Queensland Amendment Act, 1957, to seriously infringe the university's autonomy. Mr. Woodfield (VUC) outlined the effects of the Act, and said that the VUC executive had recently written to authorities in Queensland objecting to certain portions of the Act which were considered to infringe the university's autonomy. Mr. James Thomas, president of NUAUS and a Queensland University student, had told VUC executive that under the new Act the state government could upset staff appointments made by the University Senate. As he pointed out, "in every university of the free world as we know it, with the sole exception of South Africa . . . it is recognised that the University should have the sole right to decide such matters as . . . the appointments to its own staff."

The National Union of Australian University Students (NUAUS) is anxious to include New Zealand works in its annual travelling exhibition of student art this year. Organised and financed by NUAUS, the exhibition includes paintings by students of all Australian universities, and in the course of the year is shown in all the university centres. A letter from NUAUS asking for exhibits from New Zealand to be flown to Australia mentions the hope that the exhibition may be shown in New Zealand next summer. The secretary (Miss Cooper) said that as the matter was one of urgency if New Zealand works were to

be made available in time, college executives had already been informed that they should arrange for any suitable paintings to be air-freighted to Perth for inclusion in the exhibition.

The National Union of Australian University Students (NUAUS) supports NZUSA's application to hold the Asian Student Seminar in this country. NUAUS president James Thomas has informed the Co-ordinating Secretariat of National Unions of Students (COSEC) that Australia does not propose to apply for the seminar, but favours New Zealand as a venue.

Travel and Exchange

Miss Gabrielle Jackson, women's vice-president of VUCSA, has been appointed NZUSA Travel and Exchange Officer with a position on Resident Executive. Miss Jackson has made all necessary preliminary arrangements for the Australian Travel and Exchange Scheme next summer, and NUAUS Travel Director Bill Lucas has been equally active. Smooth preparations on both sides of the Tasman augur well for a successful 1957-58 T & E programme — which would justify NZUSA's decision not to discontinue the scheme after last summer's debacle.

Tramping Club Programme

At a recent meeting of the Tramping Club Committee the rest of the year's programme was discussed, and the following trips tentatively decided upon.

Mid-Year Break: A four or five day tramp in the Waitakeres finishing off with the traditional watershed weekend, giving students their only chance to pollute the city's water supply. Recommended for its ease of access, and therefore anyone can come for some or all of the time.

August: Two trips will be run this year to cope with the numbers and limited accommodation — one will be at Tarawera and the other, a few days later, at Te Aroha. Limited accommodation may mean only one trip per person, so sign early.

After Degree: This will be at National Park, and will provide all the relaxation or great physical exertion which you may require after finals. There will still be snow, and plenty of hut space, so come along in your hordes.

Christmas - New Year: It is to be hoped that a departure from tradition in the form of a base camp in the Hunter Valley, North of Wanaka, will provide the club with a variety of tramping along with an elementary climbing school for those who want it—there are many ways into and out of the area, varying in difficulty, and in time, so all tastes should be catered for.

For those who cannot come at that time, do not despair, other trips may be run, if there is a big enough demand, and if there are leaders available — to the Kaimanawas, Nelson Spencers, Three Pass or the old favourite, Dart Rees. Lists will be up before the end of this term — help the committee by putting up your name as soon as possible.

Photogenic

Last week Tramping club and Field club combined to hold their annual photographic competition. The winners of the various sections were:

BLACK AND WHITE.

Scientific: Miss P. R. Smythe

Topical: M. A. Thompson.

Alpine: Dr. J. A. Rattenbury.

Scenics: R. Moynihan.

COLOUR TRANSPARENCIES.

Scientific: P. Bergquist.

Topical: L. Colebrook.

Alpine: Miss N. Jenkinson.

Scenic: D. Thurston.

The judge was Mr. Olaf Peterson.

SPORTSVIEW

Let's be considerate

The 'Mostly Sporting' section of the last issue of 'Craccum' contained a reference to the time of arrival of the Tournament team in Dunedin last Easter.

Whether the team should have been allowed a day's rest is not the only aspect which needs consideration. In theory, a day and a night is ideal. This the competitors would get if the team travelled any earlier, owing to the train and boat timetables. But I would suggest that if the members took every opportunity to rest they should be fresh. When all is said and done, they did have a full night available, if they wanted it. And, of course, they could have slept on the boat!

Tournament teams are not All Black teams. They are visitors at their accommodation, and I cannot see that any valid case can be made out for asking their hosts to have them for an extra 24 hours. Free board is provided for five days as it is.

The team spent about ten days away. As the train journey from Wellington scarcely leaves one in good form for lectures or study, there are four days of lecture time, plus the week-end of study time, lost. That is rather a lot to the full-time student in particular. Important though Tournament is, it must be kept in perspective.

These times away from lectures have an added significance for the part-time students. They lose at least three days' pay and may lose up to five.

It is also worth remembering that this state of affairs occurs only one Tournament in four.

Thus, from my point of view, there are several reasons why the team should arrive in Dunedin on Friday evening, and not earlier. The most important is that assistance offered should not be taken advantage of unduly, but the others give added weight.

—J. Holdom

Varsity Downs Provincial Riflemen

One day after returning from Tournament we set about restoring our fallen prestige by winning the Glynn Shield at Ardmore.

This shield is competed for by teams of five from Rifle Clubs in the Auckland Province and teams must not have more than two A grade riflemen.

Reasons for our success may be found among the following: we had returned from the frozen south to a kinder climate, nerves had been beaten into submission, Dave Hoyle has regained his form, we had the moral and physical support of Roy Larsen. Two things are certain however, Dave certainly put the ring around his NZU Blue award with a magnificent shoot and Roy is undoubtedly worth three points a man over the two ranges with his excellent coaching.

Other members of the team stood the strain well and the standard of the shooting was uniformly good.

Scores were: Hoyle 48, 46 (94); Larsen 46, 45 (91) Paltridge 47, 44 (91); Wareing 45, 44 (89); Harrison 45, 44 (87).

The match consisted of 10 shots at each of 500 yds and 600 yds.

We regret that Roy Larsen who has been with the club since 1948 has been transferred to Wellington permanently. As a member of our Tournament teams since 1949, as Club Captain and President in recent years the benefits he has given to the club are beyond estimation.

This is the second in a series of news bulletins being prepared and distributed by Mr R. N. Turner, of VUC. Mr Turner is Public Relations Officer on Resident Executive of NZUSA, whose members reside in Wellington where they hold an executive meeting each month. There is an NZUSA conference only twice a year, at both Tournaments for the rest of the year Res. Exec. functions on behalf of NZUSA. The present executive consists of:

Mr J. D. Dalgety, President
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pressive number of applications had been received, and delays on the part the New Zealand and Indonesian governments in approving the scheme had been most frustrating. The scheme proposed by NZUSA is closely modelled on one which has been successfully operated by the

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MURRAY FRANCIS OUTLINES—

THE AWARD OF A.U.C. BLUES

I feel that your correspondent writing under "Mostly Sporting" has produced quite a good article on the subject of Blues but I think some of his points need elucidation.

Firstly, on the subject of NZU Blues the policy of the AUC Blues Committee is to grant Blues to Aucklanders in every sport other than rugby, provided that the student fulfills eligibility requirements.

One further point on NZU Blues — these are awarded almost solely on performance at Tournaments. Thus it can happen that an athlete of New Zealand class might have an off day and not qualify for an NZU Blue.

Auckland Blues are awarded on a different basis. The standard is high I agree, and we must aim to keep it that way as an AUC Blue should be valued and not just something that is given away.

I believe that athletes should always aim high and for that reason the rewards for outstanding performances should be valued and honoured. The Blues Committee aids in this because an athlete realises that he must be an outstanding competitor to get one, and so he improves himself and the standard of his sport in endeavouring to gain one. Apart from being of a high standard an Auckland Blue is given more for performance over a full season rather than just for one performance.

Restrict number of blues

I see no reason for a blue to be given once only in a university career. If an athlete can keep at his peak for several seasons he should receive recognition for his performances. I cannot see that the lowering of blues standards or the awarding of a blue only once will remedy the "frequent mistake of awarding too few blues in which there is a very high standard."

The Blues Committee aim to try and level off the standard of Blues throughout all sports so that a Blue in rugby is worth the same as that in rowing or tennis for instance. This aim will not be achieved by awarding blues in proportion to the numbers representing the sport at tournaments. The only effect would be to weaken the standing of the Blue and thereby cheapen its value. By keeping a high standard the competitors strive harder and will, if they are good enough, achieve the standard necessary for a Blue.

The members of every sport at tournament receives recognition by the fact that they are eligible for a Representative Blazer. A College Blue is awarded on the merits of those representatives.

In answer to some of your correspondents queries: it is difficult to set any standards as he says and that is why there are no set standards for AUC Blues. Rather the Blues Committee assesses the relative merits of each nomination in comparison with their standard in provincial teams. Admittedly this standard varies but it is the only fair way. It is for this reason that we ask the clubs to ensure that their Blues selectors attend our meetings so that the Committee can find out everything possible that might help each nomination receive his Blue. Some club nominations from this past season have been held over until the next meeting of the Committee, since we did

not feel competent enough to award or refuse Blues to those in some of the sports. Rowing Club is one of these.

Out of the eight clubs whose members were nominated for Blues, only one of them had sufficient interest to see that their Blues Selectors appeared at the Committee's meeting to help in the deliberations. The clubs who feel that they have been "hard done by" have only themselves to blame.

The fact that a person wins an NZU title does not mean that he automatically gets an AUC Blue. The winners already have Representative Blazers and they also are given a certificate in recognition of their performance. In addition to winning, the Blues Committee considers the standards of his performances over the season and his general keenness towards both the sport and his club. Last year the winner of the harrier title was not awarded a Blue. I would say that in connection with the current standards of harriers the winner was not up to provincial standards at all. His outstanding performance received recognition by the fact that he is eligible to wear an AUC Representative Blazer — demonstrating that his performances were good enough to merit his inclusion in the senior College team.

GOLF CLUB—

Birdies for Tee

For the past few seasons the Golf Club has been one of the more defunct of the University Sporting Clubs. In fact, it would not be very far from the truth to say that it almost died a very early and premature death. Since 1952-1954 when the Treacy brothers, Barney Coyle and Leo Pointon were the mainstay of the game in the college, there has not really been anyone to fill in the gaps they left. To say that there was not anyone to take their place would not perhaps be altogether correct. There must have been, and were, scattered students but they could do but little on their own. Hardly recognized by the powers that be in College sporting circles, in that the grant awarded the club was so small as to be ludicrous. They had no home, and are never likely to have one, which prevented regular meetings. To get regular play and practice which is absolutely imperative for the low handicap golfer, prospective Tournament players were forced to join recognised clubs at high cost to themselves. Were it not for the far sightedness of the Auckland Golf Association in promoting Junior and Intermediate membership at reduced subscriptions, AUC would in all probability have no golfers of a reasonable calibre from

College Blues announced

Cricket: J. Sparling, P. Irwin, R. McKinnon.

Athletics: Miss N. Westbury, C. Ormsby, B. Robinson, G. Swift.

Boxing: P. Hohepa.

Defence Rifles: D. Hoyle.

Tennis: B. Woolf.

Swimming: G. Leach, J. Orbell, J. Sneyd.

Water Polo: G. Leach, K. Boswell.

Rugby Review

The Season, so far, for the Rugby Club has been one of mixed success. The seniors, reinforced by *Sportsview's* graduate friends, are easily our most successful team, with only one loss in eight games. Students like *Lyndsay Gordon, Tony Edgar, Norm Brown* and *Bob Graham* should gladden *Sportsview's* heart as they are at times playing brilliant football. However as they are getting ample publicity in the daily newspapers we shall let them hide under their bushells.

Gordon Gilmour's Senior 'B' team, after a rather shaky start to the season, are at last playing the football which we so proudly boasted to the Rugby Union they were capable of. For the first two or three matches we feared that we would be proved liars but with a convincing win over Parnell last week our confidence has been restored. *Bob Brown* at fullback has proved to be the veritable rock when called upon, and last Satur-

day he was the team's main scorer with four fine penalties. *Nick Carter, 'Mock' McElroy* and *Des Slaney* are providing pace in the back line which at times must be the envy of the Senior 'A' team. *Jack Gray* and *Tom Curham* are providing the hard core of the pack which is apparently improving with every game. Incidentally *Sportsview*, one player is a non-student.

The Third Grade "Gold" team under *Rusty Paviour's* inspired leadership have been playing like true champions and have only lost one game. This team is composed of almost entirely ex-1st XV players and coach *Malcolm McPhee* is exploiting their talent fully. Fullback *Cormack* and half-back *John Wood* are playing outstandingly well and are almost certain senior players of the future. In the forwards *Gavin de Malmanche, Denis Lineen* and the pugnacious *Paviour* are playing like terrors, the Eden game excepted chaps.

Murray Valentine's 5th Grade team have up until the present had a disappointing season, but now that the holidays are over we are expecting better things from them.

The Third Grade Blue team is struggling along with ten or eleven players every Saturday, but as with the 5th Grade team now that the holidays are over, we hope to see the reserve of players creep up and the 5 points against creep down. If there are any one-armed football players around, *Varsity* coach *Gordon Chandler* will welcome even you.

The bouquet this week must be handed to the Second Grade team who have in every case fallen through, and with one exception have managed to field a team every Saturday entirely through their own efforts. *Bob Tattersfield* has apparently been elected selector coach, a job which he is sure to fulfil with distinction.

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HARRIER RESULTS

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Results:

Fast Pack: 1. D. Porter; 2. A. Ward; 3. P. Andrews.

Medium: 1. W. Robertson; 2. R. Orange; 3. D. McDonald.

Most harriers are now approaching peak fitness in preparation for Winter Tournament. On present form *A. Ward, W. Robertson* and last year's Tournament winner *P. Aimer* seem likely team members. Others who may make the team are *R. Orange, P. Andrews, D. MacDonald* and new-comer *G. Black*. Unfortunately, two of the Club's leading harriers, *D. Porter* and Tournament veteran, *B. Davis* will not be available. Nevertheless, the team promises to be a strong one.

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