



# "GONE MULGA"

## 5,600 miles in six weeks of 'fabulous' holiday in Australia

by Jan, Rich and Lin

**Australia! What does it mean to you? A land similar to our own—Don Bradman's home or just a squeal on your radio? But is that all? — 1200 miles and a 5½-hour plane trip, and you are there. Sydney harbour bridge, the Melbourne cricket ground, the Great Barrier Reef, people to meet, places to see, and a host of new experiences are all within your reach.**

Righto! Bring up all your old bugbears if you must. Yes, money, time taken — always student problems. But wait, what of the advantages! If you have ever spent any of your holidays camping or hitching, the very thought of a bigger venture will surely lure you. We felt hesitant at first—but we went; we saw; we were conquered (!), and perhaps we can show you that it will be a highlight of your student life too.

Juicy steaks in mid-Tasman at 17,000 ft. cool drinks from a charming hostess, time for a quick note home, and suddenly — there was Sydney!

Luckily we had relatives — rather distant and very seldom seen — who agreed to supply the necessary bed, and it was from these strong-holds that all further attacks on Australia were launched. All the gear we needed had been taken in sacks — plastered with kiwis, large "N.Z.'s" and other suitable pennants. Soon the familiar cry of "Tena koe e haka" rang out, and so the first exchange with a fellow New Zealander took place. They're everywhere, and it is surprising where you meet them. The chap who gave us a lift for 60 miles just south of Brisbane, for instance, used to work in the Amusement Park in Auckland; the porter who yelled "Hi ya Kiwi!" at Melbourne's Flinders Street Station hailed from Christchurch and was working his way round the country.

### Hitch and save

We had only six short weeks in Australia, so we decided to see as many places and people as possible. One week of the precious six in Sydney over Christmas, then travel via Canberra to Adelaide, back to Melbourne, on to Sydney and then, if time allowed, perhaps a quick visit to Brisbane. As it turned out, although we hitched all the way, we had time to go up to Cairns (1200 miles north of Brisbane), and visit the Barrier Reef.

Sydney is a "fabulous" (fashionable Australian slang) place, compared with New Zealand cities, and it was here that we gained our first lasting impressions. There is the number of New Australians for instance, and one has to get used to hearing foreign languages spoken on all sides. In some shops, trying to make a transaction can get a little complicated, when you can't speak Dutch-Australian. Some of the people you meet are a little hard to thaw at first, but once the ice is broken, nothing is too much trouble. Shops are bigger and brighter, but they sell much the same things as in N.Z. The why's and wherefore's of T.V. are carefully explained by all and sundry, when you admit to not having seen a show. The price of food is high — you never buy more than half a pound of butter at a time (A2/-), while milk in Adelaide costs 1/- a pint.

We set off for Canberra, arriving there in a day, even though most of the big inter-state semi-trailer trucks (called "semis") were off the road for the holidays. The "cop shop" here was terrific.

and we even got a lift round the town in a police car — a welcome relief after the thought of carrying packs again. Canberra is an odd place but worth the visit, if only to see the War Museum which contains everything from the Private's toothpick to the Dambuster's Lancaster.

After a day here, back to the main highway, well daubed up with sun-tan

travel in all cities — suburbs stretch for miles.

A few of the things we saw included the Harlem Globetrotters at the famous Koolong Tennis Courts, shows at Drive-in theatres, Bill Haley and his Comets at the West Melbourne Stadium, Drama, Davis Cup Tennis, Opera, Australian Test Cricketers, Continental Cuisine, and many other exciting things. They are available for you, if you wish to find them.

### Sydney—expensive and smooth

After seeing all the Olympic sights by means of a sight-seeing tour, we set out for Sydney. 4 a.m. one dark morning, we arrived at the Markets and landed a ride on top of a load of sacks of peas — and was it hot! 560 miles covered in a day and a night — easy isn't it! No sooner had we arrived in Sydney than we were off via the Markets for Brisbane, with four of the six weeks gone. This time we were on cases of tomatoes (which we couldn't eat like peas) taking the inland route. By the time Brisbane was reached we felt so filthy that every facial expression brought cracks in the layers of grime, and unfortunately no

all "semis" go inland. It took only two days for the 690 miles.

In Sydney, we spent the remaining time visiting and buying souvenirs to bring home. Luna Park, the great fun-fair was well worth the visit — especially the five or six consecutive rides on the breathtaking roller coaster. Our relations took us to Chequers night club, where we saw floor shows and waiters collecting colossal tips. It was interesting to see one of the dancers knock a table and spill some wine on the cloth. Within seconds three waiters in tails descended — one solicitously attending the lady; another whisked away the soiled cloth and replaced it with a sparkling fresh one; while a third carefully selected fresh wine. That rates as service!

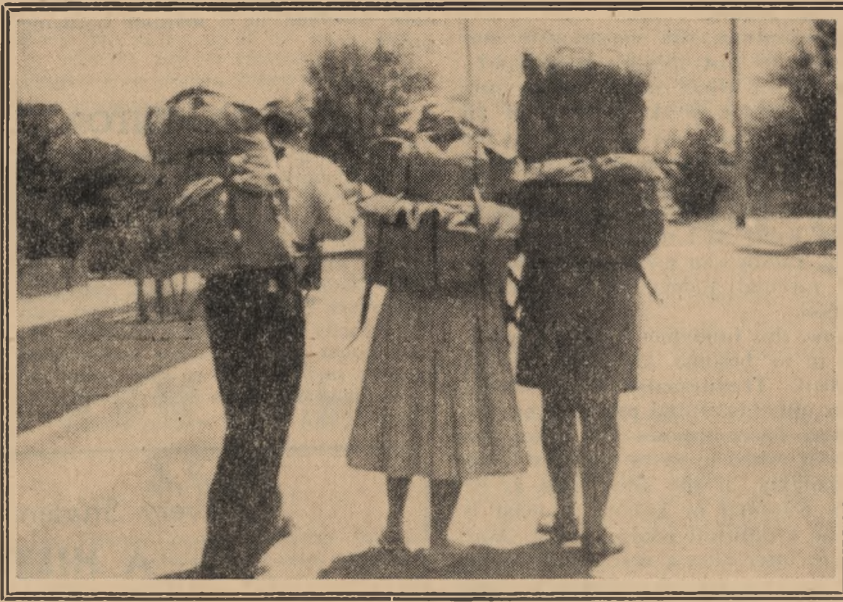
The trip was drawing to a close. A visit to the Blue Mountains — yes they really are blue; filling in that final taxation clearance and it was time to leave. It was literally heartbreaking. We were gloomy and depressed but inwardly supremely happy that we had made the trip. We arrived back by DC-6, glad to be home but with our minds filled with exciting memories. It was all over.

### Gleanings of experience

For the technically minded, here are a few hints—

1. The trip is simple to make and amply rewarding.
2. Though the Australian Universities were not much help, the system is being revised this year, and work, board and contacts will be obtained for you before you leave N.Z.
3. Total cost excluding plane fare (£45 return), was £65 each — but we didn't work. We travelled extensively, saw almost everything, tried a lot of restaurants and shows and purchased a lot of presents, so it could be done for much less. We had only six weeks, but if you take the normal two months, working both here before you go, and again in Australia, the trip will almost pay for itself.
4. Use Australian Traveller's Cheques in small amounts — £5 or less; pack your clothes in plastic bags — its handier; beware of nugget and similar substances — they melt in your bag in South Australia!; and take a good selection of maps.
5. This is not a factual report, but all data, maps and general hints have been reserved for a folio in Mrs. Chisholm's office. Why not have a look?

You've decided to go? "Fabulous!" and best of luck Kiwi, because you'll probably enjoy this more than anything you've ever done before.



lotion to combat the heat. It was disheartening to go through the routine of — "sweet smile, hats and sunglasses off, thumb up, and No! Away they'd go, not stopping or caring. Later in the day, all changed when we thumbed a 670 mile ride straight through to Adelaide.

Adelaide is slow and sleepy. As we carried (and recommend) sleeping bags and water-proof covers — no tents — we stayed at the best camping ground, the "Brown Hill Creek Reserve". On again to Melbourne, this time on a "semi" — 580 miles in 2 days. An interesting point about "semi" travel, is that although riding on the trailer itself is supposedly illegal, most drivers don't seem to worry very much.

### Melbourne the 'most'

In our opinion Melbourne was the best of all Australian cities, although undoubtedly enhanced by a post-Olympic atmosphere. Again the question of accommodation arose, and this time we consulted our list of contacts to find a floor to sleep on. Be prepared for the time taken to

showers available. Here another unknown contact, treated us to a day at Surfer's Paradise Beach. Now came the important decision to travel north to see the Barrier Reef. We boarded the Sunlander Train in the cheapest seats. It was luxury plus — air-conditioned, venetian blinds, individually reclining seats, carpeted floors, fluorescent lights, personal reading lamps, showers and dining car. This and 1200 miles for £A6/5/0, single — terrific when compared with N.Z. It was very slow (2 nights and 1½ days) but well worth it, the countryside being completely different to anything we had yet seen — not brown and parched with the inevitable gum trees, but green and luxuriant. This was the tropics!

The main attraction of Cairns, if one can stand the heat, is Green Island on the Barrier Reef. Here the coral growth, the myriads of brightly coloured fish, and the swaying palms make a veritable seventh heaven.

Back to Brisbane, clutching our now meagre monetary supply. A short stay, then down to Sydney via the coast road. This was straight hitching with cars, as

This article records the experiences of three A.U.C. students who visited Australia last Christmas under the N.Z.U.S.A. travel and exchange scheme. Applications for the next Christmas vacation trip to Australia close in the Association Office on September 10th. Further information can be obtained from the Office, where the authors of this article have made available a folio of maps and data: or from Ian Pool, Travel and Exchange Officer.





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## Guns before Education

The new defence programme will have more far reaching effects on New Zealand than is at first apparent. Instead of spending £24.4 million a year we are now to spend £31 million. Unless taxation is increased, the extra £7 million will have to come from a budget total similar to last year, and at the expense of something else. Already the Government has hinted at cuts in capital expenditure, which includes such things as buildings for education. There is little hesitation in boosting the defence grant: but a lot of stalling over urgent university needs.

And what will this new defence policy achieve? For a wholesale and useless C.M.T. scheme which was aimed to provide an augmented division in the Middle East within six months of the outbreak of war, we now have a reduced division planned to operate at a moments notice in the South East Asian theatre. So concerned are the military chiefs with the part New Zealand must play in supplying speedy forces to back up our impressive array of commitments (UNO, Commonwealth, ANZUS, ANZAM, SEATO and home defence) that they have provided for a special force to be stationed in Malaya. The Government has chosen to move New Zealand troops into Asia when every other western nation sees fit to withdraw.

From early 1958, when M-Force sails, New Zealand will be a 'colonialist' country to many people in parts of Asia where the word 'colonialist' is an insult. The powerful Malay Nationalist Government has already shown its hostility toward 'foreign troops in Malaya after independence'. Our troops will either become the pawns of the departing colonial powers, or

the tools of a new independent native government. New Zealand's name is already black enough in the eyes of most South East Asians for our alliance with the United States in SEATO. Must we now make it hatred?

At a time when the building of international friendship is the only hope for peace, we can ill afford to make enemies of one of our nearest neighbours.

## State's right to hang?

In November, in a referendum to be held in conjunction with the general election, the voters of this country will be asked to state yes or no to the retention of capital punishment. The question of whether or not the State has the right to take human life, is one of the most controversial, and the most open to fear campaigns. It is the last question that should be decided by that most undemocratic of methods — a referendum, at the same time as a general election.

Referendums are notoriously susceptible to last minute propaganda. Imagine the effect on the voting public in election week, if news of an escaped prisoner was presented in the same sensational form as an Auckland daily used eighteen months ago — raging headlines across the front page — "Sex Killer At Large". It is doubtful if the public can ever make a sound and rational judgement by such a method.

Now, this fundamental moral question is to become an electioneering football. Traditionally the National Party upholds capital punishment; the Labour Party opposes it. When the voter is called upon to vote yes or no to hanging, at the same time as he votes National or Labour — what is it but a political issue! It is a short step to infer, that a vote for National is a vote for capital punishment, and a vote for Labour the reverse — even though the purpose of the referendum is supposedly to remove these inferences. But no elector can vote rationally and impartially as an individual on such a moral issue, after two months of election propaganda.

And where stands the Church in such an arena? Already the Auckland Presbyterian Church has given some indication of its feelings.

In the face of the traditional acceptance of hanging and in what is now an obvious political issue, men are hesitant to act upon the principles of their faith.

If they abide by the basic teachings of Christianity, there is only one answer. The referendum is in itself a challenge to the Church. But in the past, when such an issue became a question of State, and entangled in politics, the Church has stood aside. Surely the old doctrine of an "eye for an eye" has been superseded by the new commandment "love thy neighbour".

The modern Church faces the challenge of this modern age — or retreats into the past.

We have allowed a weak Parliament to evade the issue by placing the question before the Nation. It is up to the Church to prevent a second mistake — the linking of the question of the State's right to impose the death penalty with politics and an archaic tradition; and to state clearly the moral issue involved in a manner befitting progress.

## 'CRACCUM' EDITOR

In taking up his new responsibilities as Social Controller on the new Executive, Murray Chapman has resigned his position as Co-Editor of Craccum. Warwick Armstrong carries on as sole Editor. Murray remains with the staff as Associate Editor, while Denis Taylor has been appointed Illustrations Editor. Michael Freyne, who was recently elected Men's Vice-President, is no longer able to continue as Executive Reporter, and this duty is now carried out by the University News Editor, Jocelyn Dorrington.

## LAW SOC. MOVE FAILS AT A.G.M.

The move by the Law Students' Society to receive one quarter of the Stud. Assn. fee paid by Society members in lieu of a grant was defeated by 37 votes.

Attended by nearly 300, the AGM of June 19th, chaired by Mr. Boag, proved to be one of the most enthusiastic and divided on record. The early business of the meeting had the air of a prelude to the Law Soc. motion in which keen interest had been well aroused by widespread and heated advance publicity. Several important matters were dealt with.

A motion from Mr. Chapman directing the Assn. to write in protest to the Queensland Govt. against their establishment of an Appeal Board in the matter of University Staff appointments, was successful. The Architectural Soc. introduced a successful resolution (Mr Hay that a committee composed of representatives of their society and the Executive, and the student representative on the College Council, be set up to investigate every aspect of the College development and design, and make appropriate recommendations to the bodies concerned. Mr. Holman's proposed constitutional amendment — that the system of portfolio elections for Executive be replaced by the former system of a common ticket, was lost.

## Law Society move

The Law Society motion, moved by Mr Kohn, read as follows: "That one quarter of the general annual subscription to the Association payable to the Registrar of the College by all students enrolled in the Faculty of Law shall be paid by the Registrar in March of each and every year direct to the Treasurer for the time being of the AUC Law Students' Society whose receipt shall be a sufficient discharge to the Registrar therefore, and this amount so payable shall be in lieu of the normal grant made by the Assn. to the Society in each year." Three and a half hours of heated debate followed until the motion was put and lost, 149-112.

The retiring President, Mr Peter Boag, was presented with the badge of a life member of the Association by the retiring Man Vice-President, Mr. Allan Coulam, in recognition of his untiring services to the Association. The meeting closed at 12.50 a.m. with motions of thanks being accorded to the chairman and to the retiring Executive.

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## EXEC. NOTES—

# Hope for Asian Seminar

Reported by Jocelyn Dorrington

A reconsideration of the forthcoming South East Asian Student Seminar was the chief concern of the new Exec. at a meeting held on July 1. It is thought that New Zealand could be the next centre for the Seminar, but the final decision rests with the International Student Conference, and all countries within the South East Asian area are eligible as hosts. If New Zealand is chosen and Auckland is to be the centre, we would merely be the host college, organising the Seminar in association with NZUSA.

Exec. hopes to present a detailed account of plans (both programme and costs) at Ibadan at the 7th ISC through Peter Boag who will be one of the NZ-USA representatives there in August-September.

The host college is responsible for business and entertainment arrangements, billeting, publicity, the organisation of the conference, and the initial suggestion of a discussion theme. Exec. has tentatively chosen 'The Student as a Citizen in South East Asia' as the central theme, with possible sub-titles such as 'The Student's Obligations to National and Alien Minorities', 'Nationalism and Education', and 'The Student and Culture.' This suggestion has been sent to NZ-USA for their consideration.

The Seminar is a National Student Conference, and each of the 12 South East Asian countries are entitled to send two delegates. Other countries, such as China and Korea can attend if invited by a member country. The number of delegates therefore, is limited but any student may observe. Peter Gordon was in favour of holding the Seminar as soon after Congress as possible so that the visiting delegates could attend if they wished to. He also pointed out that the success of any conference such as this has a wide significance in terms of prestige in international student affairs, an important consideration in the organisation programme.

## Student block revision

Alterations to the Student Block have been revised. The present requests include the conversion of the Table Tennis Room into a WCR; the connection of the Association office and the present Men's Reading Room (which would be the new Exec. work Room) by a doorway through the concrete wall; new lighting and heating arrangements; and the servicing of both sets of sliding doors.

This leaves the existing WCR free for the cafe extensions, including a happy little coffee lounge at the far end, complete with easy chairs. Screens would be used to make a Common Common Room when the cafe was not in use.

These additional plans show considerable development. Previously the College Council had approved only cafeteria extensions and the making of a Common Common Room from the present MCR.

## 'Craccum' editor

Murray Chapman's resignation from his post as Co-editor of 'Craccum' was accepted with customary but sincere regret. As Exec.'s new Social Controller, he feels that he will have too many 'social obligations' to fill both positions adequately. Following a motion from Mike Freyne, Peter Gordon thanked Murray for his work on 'Craccum' and his contribution to the high standards reached by the paper this year and the excellent relationships existent between the Association and 'Craccum', and said he was confident that Murray will carry out his executive duties with similar enthusiasm.

## Extended travel scheme

Further opportunity for travel overseas for students has arisen with a letter received from AUCSA from the National Union of Students of British Universities, which includes details of facilities provided by their Travel Bureau.

The Bureau, which has been in operation since 1922, is recognised by the Association of British Travel Agents of the British Travel and Holidays' Association. It has an international ticket agency and is an agent for many railway, shipping and air companies. Their speciality is in student travel and in making arrangements to receive parties from all parts of the world.

"If you are planning tours of students to visit England at any time of the year we should be glad to quote you a price on receipt of information as to your requirements, or to suggest a detailed itinerary for your parties," the chairman says. Whether or not Auckland students are prepared to take advantage of his offer the opportunity is here.

## A.G.M. for the S.C.M.

The Annual General Meeting of the Auckland University College Student Christian Movement will be held on Tuesday, August 6th, in the Men's Common Room at 8 p.m.

Nominations are hereby called for the positions of:—

President; Vice-President; and eight committee members.

Remits to the constitution must be in the hands of the Secretary ten days before the AGM. Nominations must be in written form and bear the signatures of nominator, seconder and candidate. Nominations should be given to the Secretary or placed in the SCM Box.

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## Tournament behaviour round the bend

College Executives are concerned at the deterioration of behaviour at N.Z.U. Tournaments. After the last Easter Tournament Mr K. Melvin, President of O.U.S.A., pointed out that Otago students rely very much upon maintaining good relations with the University Council, the public and the police. Over Easter, however, these became somewhat strained through the thoughtlessness of some competitors.

While the Otago flattening community enjoys entertaining, it is unreasonable for guests to arrive uninvited where no party has been envisaged and where their continued presence is undesired. This is especially embarrassing to women students whose only resource is to the police, an action which they are loathe to take, but OUSA received complaints about callers refusing to depart even when the situation had been explained to them.

In flats where parties are officially in progress it is not expected of guests that they continue until daylight in the face of complaints from neighbours and visits from the police.

Students billeted in residential halls seemed to forget their responsibility with regard to the hostel rules, the staff and the residents. Because of this lack of courtesy over Easter it is likely that at least one of the Otago Halls of Residence will refuse to billet competitors at future tournaments.

Those billeted with private families did not fulfil their obligations to their hosts. A high standard of behaviour is expected by private billetters, and which if not forthcoming proves embarrassing, not only to the families concerned but also to the Students' Association.

There is much borrowed equipment used at a tournament and at Easter there was at least one instance of such equipment being wilfully damaged.

Complaints reached even as far as the Otago University Council and OUSA has resolved to bar certain offenders from taking part in future tournaments. Mr. Melvin remarked that "the actions of a thoughtless few may prejudice very greatly the efficient running of future tournaments in Dunedin." AUC Executive discussed one incident concerning some of our competitors and will, if necessary, exercise its disciplinary powers. The action of certain groups of students including the Otago Haka Party and Band was characterised by a thoughtlessness and general lack of consideration for competitors, such as is not expected of intelligent people.

These matters are of especial concern to AUC since we are the host college for Winter Tournament next month. In accordance with the recommendation of Mr. Melvin this problem is being given publicity in all college newspapers in an effort to secure co-operation in raising the standard of behaviour at tournaments.

—Ann Lund, Graham Mansergh,  
Tournament Delegates.

## See you at Congress

This is a busy year for our College. Soon we are to be hosts to other students from all over N.Z. at Winter Tournament. Then in January (24th to 31st), 1958, Auckland is again host for the Tenth Annual Congress at Curious Cove in the Marlborough Sounds.

Among other things, it is ideally, the practice for the host College to supply the Chairman, speakers, arrange topics, and to supply the *biggest contingent*. Auckland has never yet fulfilled this latter point. Usually our friends from "Vic." predominate. However we have hopes that this time, Auckland will rally round and do its duty in this respect.

To quote an old phrase, "Congress is the University of New Zealand come to life." It is what you probably thought a University would be like — but which you have not found here, or have found only patchily. It is a meeting-place of that rarer type of student. He is not so much the hyper-intellectual type (though some like to think they are). Rather, it is the person who is thoughtful and interested in the world about him. Perhaps

Curious Cove is the annual migration centre of that species which is rapidly becoming extinct; that is, the traditional student who is interested in learning for its own sake. The type too, who wants to come down a little from the academically studied subjects of, his somewhat specialised course to learn something of the problems and ideas of others, and perhaps, to catch up a little on the social movements around him.

Think it over, and make up your mind NOW, that with a little effort you can make Congress in January. We would like you to come, and extend a warm invitation to you knowing that once you have been you will never forget it and will want to go again.

—Anthony Holman, Congress Controller.

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## OVERSEAS STUDENT NEWS

# Sixth Student Festival

## 43 NATIONAL UNIONS MEETING IN MOSCOW

In August of this year a 'Festival of Youth and Students' will be held in Moscow. This festival is the sixth in a series of such meetings that have been held over the last ten years, and is organised by the World Federation of Democratic Youth and the International Union of Students, both of which are communist bodies.

Forty-three national student organisations have decided to send official representatives to the Festival. Among these are the National Students' Unions of Japan, India, Ceylon, Luxembourg, Vietnam, Mexico and Poland. Many local unions and university associations in Europe, North America, Latin America and Asia are also taking part in the Festival. A number of students from New Zealand are attending, although without official status as representatives of NZ-USA.

In Moscow, seminars and discussions will be held on different aspects of almost all fields of the sciences and arts. Performances by the symphony orchestra of the Moscow Conservatory, opera groups and choirs, will be given: competitions in and discussions over films, photography, art, architecture, amateur radio, dancing and drama will be held. Displays of the national songs, dances and art of the various countries taking part in the Festival will be given. Young athletes of many different nationalities

will take part in the Festival Games, competing in a stimulating but friendly atmosphere of international goodwill. However, the Festival will not consist of culture and sport only but will also include meetings of young workers discussing such problems as how to increase production, conditions of work and the part of women in industry. These problems, obviously, will be related to situations in communities states but should have application elsewhere, also.

Over one hundred and fifty students from Britain have applied to attend the Festival. These students might have communist sympathies. However, a large number of non-communist groups will go to Moscow, also. These include a Colliery Pipe Band, the Inverscotea Singers, Bruce Turner's Jazz Band and representatives of the Christian Youth Organisation. The organizers of the Moscow Youth Festival have been accused of using it as a 'front' to cover an attempt to spread communism internationally. They, themselves, state their aim to be the promotion of international understanding and co-operation through better knowledge of other peoples. Whatever may be the real aims of the Festival, the effects must be valuable. The young people who will attend, communists and non-communists, students and ordinary workers, feel that the Festival will make it possible for them to know each other

education. This article included a chart in which each of the 28 fields of study at the ten leading universities was rated as "distinguished" and "not distinguished". Harvard scored 21 distinguished department ratings, tying Yale for third place, behind the University of California at Berkeley, and the University of Chicago. Yale is ranked as the second leading university, Harvard the best men's college and Oberlin the top co-educational college. (The Cornell Daily Sun, Ithaca).

## Appointments Board at Canterbury

The students of the Canterbury University College are considering to inaugurate a University Appointments Board after the pattern of those which are already in existence at Australian universities. These Appointments Boards maintain a comprehensive register of professional vacancies, available confidentially to all registered graduates. Students who are, for one reason or another, unable to complete their courses are registered with this section of the board and special efforts are made to enable them to use their university training in employment. The applicant for registrations enters the data of qualifications, background, and any previous experience, and this is tabulated and filed under the desired field or fields. As vacancies are notified to the Board, those registered in the particular field are immediately informed. All men and women currently registered and available for employment are kept advised of vacancies falling within their classification. They receive also, each year, a copy of the Board's Report containing up-to-date information on employment trends, opportunities for graduates, and current salary rates. (Canta).

better and is a way of establishing mutual and a deeper understanding of each other's problems. The partisan nature of its organization might reduce the value of the Festival but cannot alter the fact that some good will emerge.

"The acceptance of each other, irrespective of creed, ideology, party or race, is vital for the maintenance of peace." This belief could well be the basis for our wishing success to the Moscow Festival in the hope that its stated aims, at least, will be fulfilled.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR—

## OFFICE HOURS UP THE POLE!

Sir,

According to the notice by the Student's Stationery Office, the office should be open between the hours 12—2, 3.30—4.30 and 5—6, daily except Fridays. Why is it then that on at least two of the four scheduled days on the week ending 21st June students were unable to obtain much needed paper between 12 and 2 p.m., due to the fact that the office was shut. This was the cause of considerable inconvenience to two students and probably to many more. In order to obviate possible future inconvenience, we would like to know whether or not the office is at all likely to be open at the specified times. If so, we would be most highly appreciative.

—J.W.D. and R.S.B.

## President Replies

Sir,

In reply to your letter, concerning the administration of the Association Office, I would like to make certain facts available.

In the week in which you say the Secretary was absent on "two out of the four days," she was ill with the 'flu. In spite of this, she arrived for work, but was unable to stay all day.

During the last month, the Secretary has been working a great deal at night, preparing for the AGM, typing reports and the constitution, and in general helping the new Executive to take office. As a result she has occasionally arrived later than the specified time.

Following the general pattern of the Student Block re-organisation, the Office routine and handling of finance has been changed. Some time will be needed for this new system to prove itself.

If any students have been inconvenienced, I trust that this explanation will suffice.

—Peter Gordon,  
President, AUCSA.

## Murray Francis Makes A Blue

Sir,

So Mr. Francis "would say that in connection with the current standards of harriers" the 1956 N.Z.U. winner "was not up to provincial standards at all." Might I suggest that Mr. Francis has little idea of the situation? Last year a large percentage of New Zealand's top harriers were from Auckland and the standard here was higher than in most other centres. That a NZU harrier title winner should be refused a Blue for not being another Halberg or Julian (which is what Mr. Francis' letter implied) is by no means fair or understandable.

Furthermore in stating that "general keenness towards both the sport and his club" is brought into consideration for the awarding of an A.U.C. Blue, Mr.

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The members of the Tournament Committee were appointed many months ago, but more workers will be recruited later for the hectic few days prior to Tournament and during Tournament itself. There are still many students in this University who can help, though, regardless of whether or not they are active members of college sports clubs. We in Auckland are the hosts, that is, each and every one of us is host.

You may ask how you are to be host. Billet a visiting competitor. To find billets for four hundred and fifty visitors is no easy matter, even among three thousand local students. So far very few have offered billets. A.U.C. has to meet the cost of hostel or boarding house accommodation of those for whom we have no billets available. Our Billeting Committee would be only too pleased to answer any queries you may have about billeting.

Entertainment is an important part of Tournament and perhaps even if you cannot billet someone, you can entertain friends from the other colleges. Do not be scared off by rumours about the Tournament parties. With a firm host and invited guests only, a party can be very enjoyable.

During Tournament there will be constant entertainment in the way of film evenings and hops each night, and, of course, the Tournament Ball. Do not think that because you are not in Tournament you may not go to these. Everyone is welcome. Tournament comes to Auckland once in every two years, and this is your opportunity to help and participate whether or not you are a competitor.

—G. Mansergh

Francis has misleadingly insinuated that the runner in question (who incidentally by virtue of lack of 'general keenness' was this year unanimously elected club captain) lacked team spirit and interest in the sport.

Such is far from the case and although I dislike flogging a dead Blue I feel I must nevertheless express my concern over what amounts to an injustice.

—Phil

## Good 'ole Craccum

Sir,

Many thanks for a much improved Craccum. The overall standard is indeed high; I am in particular impressed with the literary and arts section. While aware of the scarcity of contributors I nevertheless would like to see a section of original work. Is this possible or does editorial policy stick to the reality of facts? Anyway keep up the good work Craccum.

—P.A.

From time to time short poems and stories may be printed if they come to hand. As Craccum is a newspaper it is, however, thought better to concentrate on university reports or articles of wider interest. However P.A. will find some sort of answer to his query in the advertisement on the Lit. and Arts page in this issue.

—Lt. Arts Ed

## THE ORGAN GRINDER

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Re Paul Kemp's *Murder in St. Mary's* would you please tell him that was not a barrel organ — it was a tape recorder.

—Gregory the Organ Grinder.

## CUBAN POLICE SLAY SECOND STUDENT PRES.

Following the tragic death of José Antonio Echevarria, President of the University Student Federation (FEU), during the recent events in Cuba, Fructuoso Rodriguez, Vice-President of the Federation assumed the office of President. There was no official ceremony, however, because F. Rodriguez was in hiding, being sought by police.

On the 20th April, his hiding place and that of three other students was discovered. They resisted arrest and a gun battle developed in which all four students were killed.

Havana University students organised a mass funeral for Rodriguez, the second FEU President killed within the space of one month. Police forces attacked the funeral procession and shots were fired over the marchers' heads.

Juan Nuiry, a member of the FEU Executive Committee, and next in line for the presidential post of the Federation, has asked for asylum in the Mexican Embassy in Havana. ("The New York Times"—special report).

## HARVARD LEADING U.S. VARSITY

Harvard has been named the leading American University in a "Chicago Tribune" poll of 35 leading educators. Bryn Mawr was rated first and Radcliffe second, among women's colleges. The "Chicago Tribune" article said that all the authorities consulted agreed that Harvard represents all that is fine in

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### BILLETING FOR WINTER TOURNAMENT 1957

**WHEN:** Tournament dates are : Sunday August 18th to the morning of Friday August 23rd .

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**HOW TO OFFER A BILLET :** A member of Billeting Committee is on duty in Executive Room every day, from 12 noon - 2.0 p.m. and from 5.30p.m.- 6.30 p.m. EITHER go and see him personally, OR fill in the enclosed form and put it in EXECUTIVE ROOM LETTER BOX .

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OVERSEAS STUDENT NEWS

# Sixth Student Festival

## 43 NATIONAL UNIONS MEETING IN MOSCOW

In August of this year a 'Festival of Youth and Students' will be held in Moscow. This festival is the sixth in a series of such meetings that have been held over the last ten years, and is organised by the World Federation of Democratic Youth and the International Union of Students, both of which are communist bodies.

Forty-three national student organisations have decided to send representatives to the Festival. These are the National Students Unions of Japan, India, Ceylon, Malaya, Mexico, and the Philippines, and the National Students Unions of Europe, North America, and Asia. The New Zealand Students' Union is an official member of the I.U.S. and will be represented by a delegation of students.

In New Zealand, the most active performers in the Festival are the groups of students who are taking part in the photographic, radio, display, and athletic competitions.

### CULTURE

Following the Festival, the students will be taking part in a series of cultural activities. These include the performance of plays, the singing of songs, and the display of handicrafts. The students will also be taking part in a series of sports competitions, including football, basketball, and tennis.

### HOLIDAYS

Harvard University has been selected as the host for the Festival. The students will be staying in the Harvard dormitories, and will be taking part in a series of cultural activities. These include the performance of plays, the singing of songs, and the display of handicrafts.

better and is a way of establishing mutual understanding of each other's problems. The partisan nature of its organization might reduce the value of the Festival but cannot alter the fact that some good will emerge.

"The acceptance of each other, irrespective of creed, ideology, party or race, is vital for the maintenance of peace." This belief could well be the basis for our wishing success to the Moscow Festival in the hope that its stated aims, at least, will be fulfilled.

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As students we are much concerned at the future of our country. Everyone knows there are powerful forces in world bidding all out to win the allegiance of men and nations. Many people ourselves wonder what it all means and what to do about it. At the present time, Russia is aiming to win the youth of the world at the Youth Festival being held in Moscow. A group of youths from Australia and New Zealand are on a trip through Communist China on their way to Russia where they will take part in the Festival, performing programmes of national songs and dances.

The question in our minds is: Is the

idea Russia will give these youth big enough to unite East and West? Can it bridge every gulf and heal every bitterness and division between men and nations and provide a sound basis on which to build peace that will last? We have seen no evidence that the ideology of Communism can do this.

The issue is: Is there an idea that can unite the world? We firmly believe that there is. This idea is Moral Re-Armament. It moves through a force of people who are determined to give their lives to build a new society, based on change in human nature. This is possible only through absolute moral standards applied and lived without compromise.

Last month, student leaders from 17

Universities and 21 countries of Europe, Africa and the Middle East decided to attend the World Assembly for Moral Re-Armament at Mackinac Island, USA. There they joined youth from Asia and America, among them Willard Johnson, Negro President of the 16,000 students of the University of California and 100 of the leadership of the 4,300,000 strong Federation of Japan.

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We believe that the challenge to New Zealand youth is simply to put in our lives what we know to be right for our country, instead of the attainment of our private ends and the satisfaction of our personal desires.

—Jonathan Field,  
Max Lovie.

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Greetings from the most far-flung of the University's faculties, the Engineering School at Ardmore. For the general interest of the rest of the Varsity and for the particular benefit of the future engineering students out here, we intend to keep in more constant touch with the paternal site of the University. Ardmore and the existence of the School is relatively vague to a majority of students in the city.

To begin with we will tell you a little about ourselves, our locality work and activities.

Ardmore is 21 miles south from Auckland, past the Military Camp. We live next to the Training College with which Ardmore is usually associated. All our buildings are alongside the RNZAF Aerodrome, where the Grand Prix is held and where our lectures and even our sleep is frequently interrupted by the regular turnround of aerial top-dressing planes. Four disused hangars constitute our laboratories one of which houses the wind-tunnel. Clustered round these hangars are lecture and drawing rooms, other labs and a workshop. These buildings are some distance from the office, library and common-room pre-fabs with the hostel somewhere in between. Thus we surround on three sides a large expanse of tennis courts, the fourth side facing the airfield.

The student population is almost entirely housed in the hostel Lamb House where a "home away from home" atmosphere is prevalent. We have all our meals with Training College, who also provide weekly movies, a post office and canteen and companions for the limited social life we lead. Eating, living and working together makes us a very active part of the University, fielding two football teams from just over 100 students. Wednesday afternoon is left free for relaxation or for sport.

### The three Pro's

The students here are in three broad groups, First Pro (Professional) Second and Third Pro with a number of honours and institute students. There is a keenly contested inter-pro Gavel competition, which includes athletics, tennis, table tennis, chess, rugby and debating. This enables everyone to contribute his effort for the Pro.

The Engineering Society is a very strong body, which meets regularly to discuss mutual problems. The Society and its sub-committees look after activities here. A successful picnic was held in the first term at Orere Point, and a barbecue was held earlier in the year. A staff-student cricket match narrowly won by the staff was also held in the first term. At frequent intervals trips are arranged to places of interest such as the Harbour Bridge, Mt. Victoria radar station and BALM paint factory.

The advent of winter is more bearable this year since the newly-installed heaters in the rooms will be in use. However we were a bit apprehensive when the automatic coal-stoker broke down at a crucial time. We are happy to say that the period of anxiety is now over.

We have just emerged from an intensive week of terms tests and are once more able to fall back into a steady working pace interrupted by celebrations for somewhat obscure reasons. For the students coming here next year, Ardmore is an experience to look forward to. Your chance to meet your fellow students will be available at the Annual Ball on July 19 at the College Hall — See Notice Boards.

### Jim Holdom Resigns

It is with regret that *Craccum* notes the resignation of Jim Holdom from the staff. Jim has been appointed to a teaching post in Hamilton, and leaves Auckland this month.

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ROWENA JACKSON

# Phantom of Delight

by V.K.

They called her dancing a fireworks display! Critics from all over the world who have thrown bouquets at her feet have been dazzled by Rowena Jackson's technical brilliance. Till recently some questioned her interpretative powers.

Returning to New Zealand on this latest visit, Rowena Jackson seems to have largely dispelled the last demurs of the critics that her dramatic expression may be superficial. The execution they once described as 'brittle' is still as flawless as ever, but those who looked to her for mere technical virtuosity saw her range a wider scale of mood than ever before.

Unmistakably since we saw her three years ago, Rowena Jackson has gained a greater warmth and sensitivity to nuances of feeling, qualities which, matched with the technical assurance and poetry of movement we have come to expect, earn more than ever her country's pride.

Rowena Jackson was born in Invercargill, on March 24, 1926. She first learnt dancing at the Lawson-Powell ballet school.

From the beginning, in spite of a fleeting interest in a nursing career, her main ambition was to be a ballerina.

In 1941 she became the first New Zealander to win the Royal Academy of Dancing scholarship to Sadlers Wells but the war prevented her travelling to England till 1946.

There she was first recognised in Ashton-Lambert's *Les Patineurs* for her execution of multiple turns, 'fouettes en tournant.' Incredibly she is said to be able to do 150 non-stop.

Her reputation from the first was built on technical brilliance; musicality and interpretation seemed to need development.

The dual role of Odette-Odile in *Le Lac des Cygnes* again brought her notice. It is a demanding role, a portrayal of personality contrast. Superficially the distinction between the two parts lies between tenderness and coldness, symbolically between sacred love and profane love. To fuse artistry with technique in this of all roles is held to be the touchstone of the genuine ballerina. It was almost inevitable that a young dancer in her first major classical role should be found lacking in imparting to it its full emotional content.

Rowena Jackson's development as a ballerina has, in fact, followed the most natural pattern. Technical mastery of a medium of expression must come before individual artistry. That is to say the large degree developed since. Seeing her choreographic structure of a ballet, step, mime and movement, must be second

nature to a ballerina before she can give her dancing a soul.

Rowena Jackson's performance at this stage, in *Le Lac des Cygnes*, and as the Blue bird in *The Sleeping Beauty*, was widely acclaimed but it was considered a copy-book one; the rules had been learnt, her style admittedly was easy and unforced. Warmth and feeling have to a dance the role of the black swan, Odile,

in Auckland last month, one felt however that the ice-glitter and impersonality she gave the part would always be the manner most natural to her.

Rowena Jackson has had an overwhelming reception on her visit here. She is a New Zealander, a scintillating figure in her realm of art, and she has done much to bring that art, classical ballet in its purist form to an increasingly wide audience in her own country.



Rowena Jackson and Brian Ashbridge as they appeared in "Swan Lake" during the 1954 Festival.

## French Farces Fare Fair

Considering that the audiences were predominantly from schools and French I students, the Modern Languages Club's production of Molière's *Le Malade Imaginaire* was purposeful. In spite of the usual threats that students must attend to get terms there was quite a good sprinkling who enjoyed seeing a set book in the flesh. To them and to the school-children the production was useful because of good pronunciation and clear audibility — the primary requirements under such conditions. Also Mr. Marshall's introductions were of the utmost benefit.

The casting again was good with the possible exception of Argan himself. Professor Key's rich voice and energetic manner were not in the least in character with the hypocritical old leech. But the others were all well chosen. Particularly notable were Judy Johnson's Angélique, Dr. West's sardonic Béralde, Diane Carr's brazen Toinette, and Mr. Pollard's hell-fire-and-brimstone M. Purgon. Max Richards played the goofy

Thomas Diafoirus well except for some forgotten lines. Owen Miller's M. Bonnefoy was rather too pompous and overplayed.

In spite of these good points the play was disappointing. I cannot understand why the club has to choose such farcical nonsense for their production. Unsympathetic treatment such as Argan receives is repugnant to the English temperament; as are colourless heroines. Miss Johnson deserves commendation for her "extra-textual" colouring of her part. However I shall limit my disapproval of Molière at that and just say a final word about the production. Considering the excellent costumes I would like to know why the scenery, make-up, and lighting (apart from the failure in one act) were so pitiful. Then again, if the voices were good, why should the song presented not be a song? And could not noises off-stage be restricted. It is all the more deplorable that with such good acting and purposefulness the presentation of *Le Malade Imaginaire* had to be so pitiful. —I.D.B.

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Still across the years, even his political  
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Their former relevance  
With their passing years, whose  
Passing heals most things since  
Time immemorial) is, I attest,  
Of even greater stature,  
Than his contemporaries' best.  
D'you follow? Now just look at your  
Printed notes in front of you.  
They raise many important  
Points. Listen. Here we have a man who  
Could effortlessly, endlessly, write such  
mordant,  
Biting, savage, bitter, cruel, abusive.  
Indeed scurrilous, invective in verse  
That I will not be surprised if  
Some of you are repelled, or worse.  
Now any historians we have in the class  
Will know more of the background  
To this than I. We must quickly pass  
To other matters. You must look around  
And read up on this for yourselves, understand.  
The senior students must not shirk  
I wish I had time to speak to you about  
This task, for he is poet of genius, and  
his work.

Oscar Hammerklavier

## Juno and the Paycock

The University Drama Club will present this tragi-comedy by Sean O'Casey in the college from the 25th to 30th July at 8 p.m. (Friday 26th at 6.30 p.m.) For the main part this play is the humorous story of a number of people out of work in a Dublin tenement. Romance follows an unexpected inheritance, but when this falls through so does the romance and the situation turns ugly. The death of Johnny (played by John Seymour) concludes the play in tragedy. Gabriel Prendergast is Capt. Boyle, Janice Copland is Juno, Keith Hare plays Joxer Daly, and Catherine Styles is Mary. John Seymour is well remembered by many for his performance in *Murder in the Cathedral* during the Festival. To those who are acquainted with the plays of Synge or Lady Gregory this production by Don McRae will be like meeting an old friend.

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—S.M.



## Proposed Theology Course

by Peter Wedde

In a recent issue of Craccum notice was given that a sub-committee has been set up by Executive to consider any recommendations and suggestions made by students about the curriculum of the University. The Auckland sub-committee announced that its findings would be forwarded as contributions to the case NZUSA is building up to present to the Academic Board for the reform of our curricula and systems of higher education.

One of the main courses in the media-universities was Theology, but as the modern world has become increasingly secular in its interests, newer courses in most cases thrust the ancient disciplines out, and in New Zealand at least, Theology has become a specialised course for the clergy only. However there is a case for the introduction of a Theology course in the Arts Faculty.

Theology, both Systematic and Biblical, attracted some of the greatest minds of every age and there is a great field of knowledge to be investigated and applied. Religious belief or disbelief is bound up with the deepest feelings of man, even more than art, literature and music. It therefore seems fitting that men and women seeking for a true education, should have the opportunity of gaining knowledge of the content and history of man's meditation on this subject. This must include Bible Study.

Clearly everyone will agree that the Bible has been the most influential book in our civilization yet at Auckland University the only study mode of it is in Hebrew I, and then only of the Old Testament. This state of affairs is ludicrous, and a glaring example of the unbalanced nature of the present curriculum. We are busy studying books of all kinds and ages, but neglect the book which deserves our attention more than any other, if not as a book with a message for to-day, at least as an influential historical document.

Theology is closely connected with many of the present university courses. English literature for a full understanding and appreciation of most of the books studied, some knowledge of the religious beliefs of the author and age is essential, as in the Modern Languages Department. In History many periods need some knowledge of the theological background to make them intelligible, in Philosophy there are few major

figures who did not at some stage or other comment on the beliefs of their time and subject traditional and contemporary Theology to rigorous examination. Among other subjects Psychology, Anthropology and Education also touch on theological ideas. In scientific studies there is the old question of the relation of science religion. There now seem to be new developments in the attitude to this problem, both from the Scientific and theological points of view, so it still deserves the attention of educated people.

A university course in Theology, like the present Philosophy course, could include a study of the general principles of the subject and of the great works of the ages. Bible studies could be included as one paper in the general Theology course, or better still, comprise a separate course. Denominational biases need not mar the study as textbooks can be chosen on their scholastic merit alone, as is done

in many of the present denominational colleges in New Zealand. A study of all schools of Theology should provide students not only with toleration, but with the more important qualities of understanding and appreciation of the outlook of others.

There are many people who have set views on religion and the interpretation of the Bible, either for or against, and in many cases they are prepared to publicise their ideas and comment on the beliefs of others. However the fact is that the great majority of these people, Christian, agnostic, atheist or whatever they style themselves, have a knowledge of religion at about primary school level. No university student would dare to comment on some important question of higher science if he had dropped the subject after School Certificate, but many don't hesitate to air views on Biblical interpretation for example, without ever examining the Biblical language, historical background or the views of Scholars, past and present. People will always argue their views about religion whether they are informed or not, but surely university students should have the opportunity to gain some worthwhile knowledge of the issues involved. There seem to be enough good reasons in favour of Theology as a university subject, to call for wider investigation and further discussion by student sub-committees, NZ-USA and the Academic Board.

## INSIDE DR. PAUL

Reporter: Brian Kennedy

The trials and tribulations of radio drama from the script stage to the moment a listener turned his radio off in disgust, were described by Mr Earle Rowell at the Literary Society meeting on Tuesday.

Most NZBS plays have been pre-recorded for the past 20 years. Originally only three minutes at a time could be recorded but tape recording has now revolutionised production. Most shows now are recorded after two rehearsals. Mr. Rowell contrasted this with the BBC, where three full days rehearsal are put in by a professional cast, after which the play either goes straight on the air or is recorded in small sections. The chief difficulty with NZBS plays is the lack of full-time radio actors. Finance is the reason behind this. An ordinary one hour play costs between £100 and £200 to produce.

Sound effects are mostly on record.

### TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

After several hours of lively discussion Professor Rodwell as chairman urged that a decision be reached concerning the censure concerning Mac Hamilton's comportment concerning the debate of last term concerning current questions concerning the H-Bomb! A vote of no-confidence was passed in Mr. Hamilton who was then re-elected as Student Chairman of the society, with the following committee: W. Broughton (Secretary), Miss B. Waters, Messrs M. Brown, D. Taylor, T. Williams.

These are bought from the BBC or from American companies. The range is both startling and comprehensive. One American record contains three nerve-shattering minutes of continuous car crashes, while one BBC recording has a WC in full flush. The only occasion that has been found to play this last one, was, surprisingly enough in a children's session.

Mr. Rowell described how noises of a hectic jeep ride were obtained for the play, 'Love in Albania'. The jeep ride was introduced into the radio adaptation to provide a change from the drawing-room setting. A technician spent an afternoon with an army driver roaring round the domain. He came back with shattered nerves and a great admiration for army drivers but the recording sounded like a 15 m.p.h. trot on a bicycle. Consequently, another afternoon session was arranged and the desired result was finally obtained. Mr. Rowell played it on tape to the audience. He also played an excerpt from 'The Platoon and the Village' to show what could be done with music and the advantages of having a show written purely for radio.

At question time Mr. Powell rather shame-facedly admitted his connection with recorded commercials. He assured the audience that there was more in it than would appear from casual hearing. There was the problem of the advertiser who wanted a hen cackle at the end of the commercial. None of the three recorded cackles would suit him, so finally someone was reduced to crawling round his fowl house to get the effect on tape.

Most of the serials come from Australia. Mr. Rowell said, they are recorded fairly effortlessly as most of the cast hardly need a script after the first 50 episodes. His tip for T.V. is that films will be used as records are used at present for sound broadcasting. He thought that the effect on radio would be a very gradual one. —D.B.K.

### Indoor Basketball

The AUC Indoor Basketball Club, in spite of initial difficulties in obtaining the use of a gym for practices, has now settled into the season's play. A number of last year's senior members have left the Club, making great opportunities for newer members to earn rapid promotion, particularly among the men. We have four men's teams; this year the A and B are both entered in the Senior A Grade Championship, and the C and D teams are both in the YMCA League. The girls have an experienced team in the Women's B Grade, and a C Grade team which is learning remarkably fast.

Practices are being held in the YWCA gym, the girls on Friday night 8.15 to

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## Faith and Obedience

The uniqueness of Christ was based not on His teaching, nor on the kind of life He led, but on what He claimed to be, said the Rev. Francis Foulkes, B.A., M.Sc. (N.Z.), M.A., B.D. (Oxon.), at a recent Evangelical Union Sunday tea. Mr. Foulkes is on furlough from missionary service in Nigeria.

Taking the text, "I am the Way, the Truth and the Life" (John 14:6), Mr. Foulkes said that the background to these claims was Christ's great humility. The one who made them said also that He came not to be ministered unto, but to minister.

"Christ is the ultimate Truth — in whom all other truths come together," said Mr. Foulkes. He quoted Eliot: "Where is the Life we have lost in living? Where is the wisdom we have lost in knowledge?"

Where is the knowledge we have lost in information?

The cycles of Heaven in twenty centuries Bring us farther from God and nearer to the Dust . . .

A Cry from the North, from the West and from the South

Whence thousands travel daily to the timekept City;

Where My Word is unspoken.

In the land of lobelias and tennis flannels The rabbit shall burrow and the thorn revisit,

The nettle shall flourish on the gravel court,

And the wind shall say: 'Here were decent godless people.'

Their only monument the asphalt road And a thousand lost golf balls'.

"Where does modern thought lead us?" asked Mr. Foulkes. "Varsity days are days of great discovery. Is there a world view — a way of integrating all this? Jesus says 'I am the Truth'. In Him, all truth finds its origin, its harmony and its goal."

Christianity involved accepting Christ for what He claimed to be, and then accepting His demands of utter and complete loyalty. His right to make these demands depended on who He was, said Mr. Foulkes. Who He was depended on the Resurrection. The test of this had to be the practical one: faith and obedience.

—Ross Miller.

### The Geophysical Year

Dr M. Whale gave an informative account of the various theories which have been put forward to explain the nature and occurrence of the Aurora in the polar regions, at the June meeting of the Scientific Society held in the Chemistry Theatre on Tuesday the 25th. His address was entitled "Seagrove Research and the International Geophysical Year."

Dr. Whale has made a considerable contribution to this field by a method which involves the determination of the direction of high frequency radio signals. These observations are going to be extended and supplemented by other methods during the International Geophysical Year. Dr. Whale also indicated how the orbits of the artificial satellites could be tracked by radio methods. These satellites will be of considerable value in determining the exact shape of the earth as well as providing useful information about the radiations impinging on the earth and other important phenomena.

Following the address there was a general discussion between the speaker and the 80 people in the audience which continued through supper.

The Scientific Society holds monthly meetings at which a speaker of considerable scientific standing is invited to give an address. These addresses and the discussion that inevitably follows are both interesting and stimulating to all with a genuine scientific curiosity. The subjects chosen are sufficiently general to be enjoyed by students of all levels and disciplines. The Society also organises lunch hour film programmes held in the Physics Lecture Theatre.

9.15, the boys 9.30 to 11 on Saturday mornings.

Congratulations go to three of our members for selection for the Auckland Repts — two of them for the second time. Peter Dooge, Don Hunt and Ron Player.

### Kiwi Revival

Called by Literary Club, a meeting of writers was held on 1 July to discuss production of KIWI, the Stud. Assn. annual that last appeared in 1955, and start a series of manuscript evenings which authors read their work to their fellows. Twenty people were present. Mr. Taylor read a short story of his own, two of Phyl Ferrabee's, and Peter Johnson, Rod Smith and Max Richards all verse.

At a private home during the mid-term break about 17 met and a few read verse. Notably Bill Broughton and Paul Kemp. It is hard to say yet what effect these meetings will have on the dormant abilities of student writers. So far no genius has come to light. As for KIWI . . . Future meetings will be advertised in the coming events board in the cloisters.

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## MOSTLY SPORTING

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### Hooliganism at tournament

Judging by the published report from a recent Exec. meeting the rowers should be the first to co-operate with Winter Tournament in order to restore their reputation after their activities in Dunedin. However it is now widely recognised that Exec. criticised before making an effort to substantiate the accusations which were made and such an action is to be deplored. Surely if six members of the Executive are to have their fares to tournament paid by their fellow students they should at least know what happens. Serious breaches of behaviour ought to be dealt with strictly, but by allowing erroneous reports to be published, Exec. itself is helping to perpetuate the idea that tournament hooliganism is common with Auckland teams.

It is gratifying to find that the AUC senior hockey and rugby teams leading their respective competitions. Both teams are playing splendid games and are, in the eyes of the sporting public, bringing the university spirit to the fore.

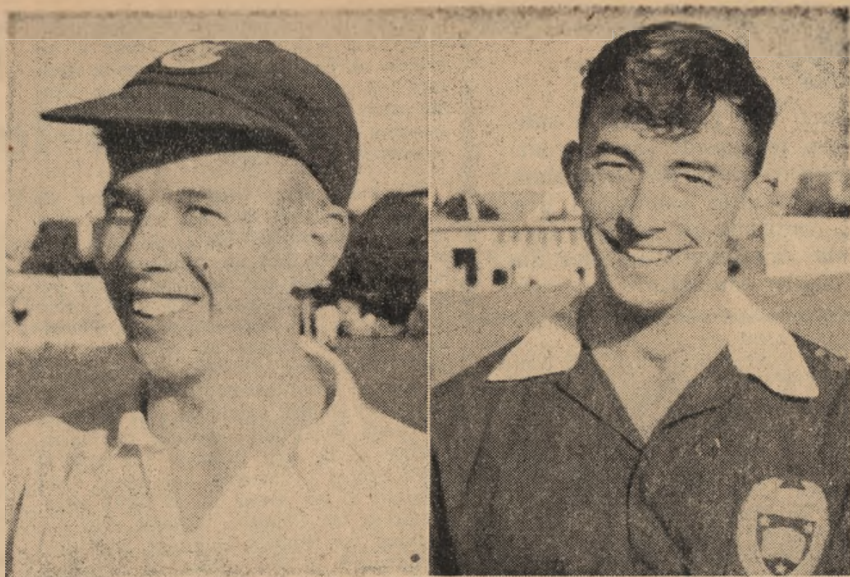
### Rugby lordship challenged

Many a rugby player looked in dismay at the report that travelling expenses for southern league teams coming to Auckland for Winter Tournament will be aided by a grant from their national union. There is a genuine desire by players that rugby should also be included but this is opposed by both the NZRU and NZURU. Perhaps opposition may change their ideas — at any rate it is to be hoped so.

Otago University has made a bid to challenge the overlordship of the University Rugby Union but unfortunately its challenge is not likely to be supported in Auckland. AUC rugby needs the support of these players no longer attending lectures but at least amongst the players there is a measure of support for the proposal to limit NZU teams to those players who are actually attending lectures.

### Boisterous weekend

Judging by reports the Harrier Club's hut weekend in the Waitakeres was as boisterous as usual. Much running, much eating and much drinking appears to have been the general rule, with a slight variation in the programme on the Saturday night, when the Ardmore Stakes were run. Des MacDonald and Alan Ward showed out particularly in this event but were disappointed in their prize.



Ted Percival (right) and Bob Wakelin (left) who have been selected for the N.Z.U. Hockey Team to tour Australia in August.

### ENGINEERS DOWN SCIENCE FACULTY

The annual match between the Engineers and Science Faculty, played at Ardmore, was won by Engineers, 6-3 thus retaining the Inter-Faculty Shield.

Science playing against the wind in the first half, defended strongly and at half-time with the score 3-0 against them, prospects looked bright. However after the change, the Engineer's better combination in the forwards began to tell. But it was not enough to stop a good forward try by Science which equalized the score. Then a week cover defence enabled Engineers to score again, finishing any hope of Science taking the Shield.

A game between two second fifteens resulted in a win 17-14 to the Engineers. The social gathering after the match was the usual success and it is rumoured that some science types were not seen in Auckland until the next day!

### Soccer

Both 'Varsity Soccer XI's have so far had a good season both being well pleased in their respective grades. The senior team has so far lost three matches, drawn three and won three. This team has had a lot of bad luck losing two of its best players in the early part of the season, Paul Judd with a badly damaged ankle and Graham Davies with a broken arm from a motor cycle accident. We are pleased to hear Graham is well on the way to recovery and of course Paul is already back with the team.

Twenty-four goals have been scored by the team and only 14 conceded. Cecil Hamilton from Jamaica has been the main scorer with 9. All players in the Firsts have performed well and the present combination is a strong one. The defence in particular have been very sound and with a strengthened forward line there is no reason why the team

should not be near the top of the points ladder at the end of the season.

The Seconds have had a particularly good season having gained 8 wins out of 11 matches. This team is an extremely strong one and must continue to do well in this grade. The Seconds have a most prolific scorer in John Lord and he will be a Tournament certainty on his present form.

Competition is very keen for places in both teams and a higher standard of play and team spirit has resulted. We look forward to a successful tournament and would take this opportunity in appealing to all players of both teams for billets for our guests.

### Badminton

This season the Badminton Club has an active and enthusiastic membership of about fifty players, who meet on Saturday mornings in the Dominion Road Methodist Church Hall. There are three interclub teams, competing in the A, C, and D grade championships. Of three the C and D teams are doing particularly well, having so far won all their matches. The A team has displayed rather uneven form, although individuals — especially Miff Morris, Ron Wong and Derek Light — are consistently good. Our congratulations also to Miff and Ron on their selection for the Auckland team, and to Wendy Light who is a member of the Auckland B team.

Details of interclub results are as follows:

A team: beat Remuera 8-2, lost to Papatoetoe 4-6, lost to Olympic 1-9, and lost to Cornwall.

C team: beat St. John's 10-0.

D team: beat Manukau 7-3, beat Y.M.C.A. 10-0.

In addition to inter-club matches the A team had its annual game against visiting members of the Gisborne badminton team. This is always an enjoyable weekend and our enjoyment was increased by the fact that we reversed our defeat of last year and won 19-5. However the result gives little indication that many of the games were very closely contested. Best performances of the day were given by Wendy Strickett and Barbara Skudder who won all three of their games without the loss of a set.

Both Gisborne and Auckland look forward to next year's meeting — each club confident that it will win.

## Otago enters Rugby Row

The Otago Rugby Football Club, supported by the Otago Executive, decided last month to withhold nominations for any NZU side until the matter of graduate and non-student representation in New Zealand University Representative Rugby has been rectified. Since the NZU Rugby tour of Australia scheduled for this August will not now take place, Otago has requested NZUSA to write the AUSA asking for their opinion on the fact that in the past Australian University Rugby teams have played NZU teams which included players other than bona fide students. The Auckland Executive have passed a motion supporting Otago's efforts.

Although both Lincoln and Massey have forwarded nominations for the NZU versus Canterbury game in July, both have reaffirmed their policy of withholding support from any NZU team not selected from bona fide students in the future. Otago on the other hand has stood firm and withheld their nominations for this match and any others until this matter has been attended to.

## Rugby League Club Formed

This year marks the formation of the Auckland University College Rugby League Club. At present the Club is competing in friendly games around the Auckland Clubs, but it is intended that the Club will enter championship competition next season. This will probably be at the Senior Third Grade level and the Club will then be an affiliated member club of the Auckland Rugby League.

The season's activities commenced with the curtain-raiser at Carlaw Park on Injured Players' Day. This was the University League team's first appearance and the game resulted in a win for City-Newton 19-13. Since then a win has been recorded over Otahuhu 25-8, and narrow defeats by Glenora 5-3 and the All Golds (an ex-New Zealand representative club) 18-14. A high-scoring match at Cornwall Park last Sunday saw Ponsonby run out the winners 33-23.

The Club will continue to play Sunday games around the Auckland Clubs for the remainder of the season while projected highlights include a trip to Whangarei with the Auckland Maori representative side to play against Northland and the visit of the Otago University League Club which will coincide with the University Winter Tournament. This inter-University match will not be a part of the Tournament as Rugby League has not yet been suggested as a Winter Tournament activity.

Any student, whether player or supporter, who is interested in Rugby League, is welcome to join the Club and any further information concerning the Club's activities can be obtained from the following:

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