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JUST VISITING Overseas Students Face Many Problems

At the moment there are some 100 overseas students at A.U. They come mainly from the Pacific and Malaysian countries—Fiji, Samoa and Tonga, and from Borneo, Indonesia, Malaya, Singapore and Thailand. By and large, they are here to learn, and then to return to their own countries to help their own people.

A number of circumstances have caused them to come. In the case of the Pacific island students, there are no alternative local facilities for university study in their own countries. In the case of the Malaysian students, while there are a number of local universities in their countries, the conditions of entry to these are so highly competitive that many prospective students must seek the necessary facilities elsewhere.

Underlying both, however, is the more fundamental post-war surge of interest in the welfare and development of "under-developed" territories. The Colombo Plan, the British Colonial Development and Welfare Scheme, the South Pacific Commission, and — on a wider scale — the various Technical Assistance agencies of the United Nations, have been practical manifestations of this recent trend. India, Australia, and the U.S.A. (I feel sure there are others) offer scholarships to Pacific and Malaysian countries for students to enter their universities. These countries, too, have scholarship schemes to enable their students to study overseas; and their nationals are in some cases enterprising enough to provide for themselves where Government scholarships and bursaries are not available.

Value of Interchange

It is a good thing that these students are here. They will enrich their own lives by having attended an overseas university; they will have learned something of the New Zealand way of life and will therefore be the best vehicles for translating this way of life into terms understandable to their own peoples; and they will then have given New Zealanders some opportunity of knowing something of other ways of life than their own.

Is it so important to know of other peoples' ways of life? If we wish to understand other people's actions, then it is; for these actions are very largely swayed by the totality of their way of life, even in its irrationalities. For instance, the Civic Authorities of New Zealand's largest city recently decided to banish No. 13 from their streets — a perfectly stupid superstition, but nevertheless as influential. And there is no saying that only superstitions are irrational. New Zealanders could easily say that the influence of shame and modesty, for instance, in some of the small-scale Pacific island communities is altogether of irrational proportions. Nevertheless, overseas students no less than others are influenced by the "irrationalities" of their societies in such a way that these not only affect their actions, but also condition their reactions to a new environment. Their problems are the more acute because of their different home backgrounds.

Because of this, they are in need of careful handling in order that the purpose for which they come should be successfully fulfilled. Within the University itself, it is deeply satisfying that staff members recognise this, and many offer assistance accordingly. On the other hand, a student stunt of the kind staged in the College Hall during a recent

overseas students' concert, when a number of Klu Klux Klan invaders carried hostile placards on to the stage, is of such an unusual and unexpected kind that, apart from its flat humour, it is likely to be received with unsavoury doubts. These could well be avoided not only because there are factors which might make for unpredictable reactions among overseas students, but also because overseas students have other prob-

most severely penalised. All students, except those under the Colombo Plan, have to obtain a Study Permit to enter New Zealand. This allows the holder to remain here until the end of the calendar year of issue, but may then be renewed for the next year. Among the conditions are that the student pursues only an approved course at the school or college stated in his permit; that he makes satisfactory progress with his studies; that he notifies in writing his changes of address to the Collector of Customs; that he does not undertake paid employment

This article was written by Rusiate Nayacgkalou, junior lecturer in Anthropology at this University. An M.A. with first class honours, he first came to N.Z. in 1948, has been back to his native Fiji for two years since then and has spent a total of 8 years in N.Z.

in N.Z.; that he does not marry in N.Z.; and that he cannot, without special permission of the Minister of Immigration, remain in N.Z. after he has turned 24. The penalty for any breach is withdrawal of the permit.



Fijian Students making Kava at Ceremony in the Museum. Surely understanding is possible?

lem's outside the University which are likely to leave them with bitter memories when they return to their own countries.

Discrimination

One of these is the application to them of the familiar colour bar. Particularly when one is looking for accommodation, this despicable practice becomes a herculean mechanism for mass humiliation. Not that one really minds the existence of colour prejudice — people have it everywhere; but the innocent claim that New Zealand has no colour bar is clearly betrayed by the hollow tricks employed by landlords to turn people down. Fortunately, however, there are many overseas students, I believe, whose experiences in this regard are not so sharp.

And the conditions under which they enter this country are not such that they are entirely happy during their stay here. On this point I wish to make it clear that the students from Fiji are the ones

These are fair enough conditions; but the way they are handled is sometimes anomalous, and sometimes downright annoying. The provision against working in New Zealand is in some ways silly; and in fact has been so much a dead letter that — from hearsay — it has now been modified to allow for work only during the Xmas vacation and where work is directly connected with one's line of study. One Fijian student was found out — how must remain a mystery — and got told off (the big stick was not hidden) by the Education Department in Fiji! His reply must have been courageous, for he soon got another letter in which he was warned that he was growing too fast in knowledge but not enough in wisdom, and amidst the tirade was the simple question, "Did you or did you not work?"

Another student who was training to be a Social Studies teacher had decided to take Anthropology I as his final degree unit. He was accused of taking this subject for his "own personal ag-

grandisement." I believe the implication was that Anthropology has no relevance for Social Studies! And another one, after entering for the Medical Intermediate in the hope of going to Otago, was told by letter from N.Z. Immigration that he would not be allowed to take medicine, and that therefore he must either change his course or return to Fiji by the first available opportunity. He changed.

Fiji students are required to fill in a form and send it to the Director of Education in Fiji every July or August, and on the basis of the information supplied their permits would be or would not be renewed for the next year. Failure to comply means non-renewal of permit. Many of the questions in the headache concern matters on which the Department already has information anyway: date of birth, father's name, number on Study Permit, examination results (except those for the current year which of course have not been sat), etc. One student forgot to fill in his Study Permit number and got a sharp reminder. This one is particularly painful as the Department has all the forms sent in previous years.

In addition to informing the Collector of Customs of their changes of address, Fiji students have also to inform their Education Department, and the Islands Education Officer in Wellington. One student who changed residence nine times in 18 months would have had to write 27 letters costing £1/2/6, if he had been that silly. Another student had been in a new address only a fortnight when he had to fill in one of the forms referred to in the previous paragraph. He filled in his new address of course, but forgot that he had not already informed the Fiji Education Department, although he had informed the Customs here. Sure enough he got a reminder from Fiji.

There are many other little annoyances, but not the space to recount them. These things pile up, of course, and make us feel like juvenile prisoners. As if this distant supervision was not enough, supervisors are appointed in New Zealand to see that all is okay. These birds haunt us about twice every year. We are asked to recount our past successes and failures, but not if we have any personal problems.

White New Zealand

To top all of this off (and here the responsibility must rest with N.Z.'s immigration policy), the European students from Fiji are neither screened by Fiji nor required by N.Z. to have study permits. This is a piece of discrimination for which there does not appear to be any water-tight justification. One unusual result has occurred. Two brothers of mixed-blood descent wanted to enter New Zealand. One had a strong throw-back on his white side, and was passed white; so he "walked in" to this country. The other was darker, and he failed the Fiji screen. So he made use of the trace of blood in him which came from another Pacific territory to enable him to pose as a member of that territory. This did the trick — a ridiculous answer for a ridiculous problem.

Cold Comfort

Fortunately, however, all that shivers is not cold; and there are really bright experiences of warmth and understanding to be encountered here. Apart from the

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STUDENT ELECTIONS

IN commenting on the forthcoming presidential and portfolio elections the Editors (despite grim forecasts to the contrary in informed circles) state definitely that the purpose of this editorial is not to advocate one candidate against another. (The Editors may be pardoned if they retain the right to personal preferences.) Without committing itself to the support of any nomination, *Craccum* does, however, propose to discuss certain election principles.

The importance of voting must be stressed again. Every student is urged to vote, not only to ensure that his interests are represented on Executive, but to prevent organised groups exerting an influence out of proportion to the interests they represent. Too often have outgoing executives in particular regarded it as their especial privilege to organise "continuous policy" candidates and manoeuvre to return them unopposed without reference to student voters whose interests they have avowed to uphold. The spectacle last year of almost all of the portfolio candidates returned unopposed made a farce of the "democratic student elections" ideal. This failing has been decried by sitting members and encouraged by the very same as candidates seeking re-election. But who would say this year that some have been more than merely conscientious in support of successors?

Another cause for criticism is the "distinguished service record" nature of the candidates' publicity in *Craccum*. In their election interests alone it is inadequate; apart from not being a true measure of each nominee's executive aptitude. Statement of "policy if elected" is an essential part of the information a voter should be given before having to make a choice in any election. To what specific responsibility can a candidate once elected be held if otherwise? The effect of the existing "blurb" is to aggravate voting apathy further: it

doesn't attract those who, knowing nothing about executive, find out from a candidate's record little more; nor those who don't know the candidates but could still discriminate if they knew what each "stood for."

The aspects of elections that have been discussed are unfortunately mutually supporting in this respect: Candidates in the past returned unopposed, or if opposed depending on the "uninterrupted administration" line, and/or knowing the right people to "get in," have by the very nature of the type of support they sought not had to make a statement of policy to be elected. The result has avoided a large election vote; a not unsatisfactory situation for interested parties.

The portfolio system, by specialising the functions of each executive position, has certainly stabilised the administration, particularly financial, of the Students' Association. But efficiency in running a portfolio is not the end-all of an Executive member. The Executive has developed into a competent "businessmen's association," and, overvalued, has stopped there; emphasis on a body with a majority of members who will debate not exclusively matters related to their own particular portfolios has been lost in the recent tendency towards an "organised" Executive. A student elective body above all must give shape to student opinion if it is to be felt not only among students themselves but outside the University.

State Interference Justified?

At its last meeting, Exec. decided to support Otago in its efforts to alleviate restrictions on imports of publications.

The whole issue of import control, of course, opens up the question of how far the State has the right to interfere with the individual. A certain amount of control is desirable, especially in a young country like New Zealand, where in times of stress the local worker is likely to suffer quite considerably. On the other hand the biggest incentive to development is competition. As far as such things as food and clothing are concerned, we do not really suffer from restrictions. But what of, for instance, such things as books?

The Otago letter mentions three main points.

1. The estimated saving in overseas funds — £800,000 approx. — does not offset the stultification in the already precarious intellectual life of the country.

2. Restrictions involve infringements

of the right of the people to decide what they should read and prevent access to material essential in the forming of an opinion.

3. To gain a balanced picture of world affairs it is necessary that overseas publications be permitted to enter the country unhindered especially in view of the nature of N.Z. press.

With restrictions on books education is hardest hit. Education to be of benefit must not be a static thing, but to move it must be constantly absorbing world events, opinion and comment. To restrict publication inevitably means certain opinions being excluded from the country. And who has the right to judge what a man shall think or not think? Certainly not the State.

The issue is more vital in a country like New Zealand, where the influx of overseas people is too small to have a great influence on the issues at stake. Where, therefore, are we going to learn of what is going on if not from overseas publications? New Zealand has often been accused of smugness, which is due partly to the general prosperity of the country, but also very definitely to its isolation from the rest of the world. Such an attitude is incongruous, when the problems facing the world today are not national, but international ones. To restrict the entry of publications and thus encourage the isolationist attitude is not only silly but dangerous. Otago's move should be wholeheartedly supported by all who call themselves thinking individuals.

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'Student Mirror' World University

The Melbourne University broke tradition in the beginning of March, 1958, when it received its seventh Royal Visit, with pomp, dignity, and spectacle and no student stunt. Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother was positively disappointed at this visit. She asked to meet a group of students and asked them if students there still performed pranks. — (Farrago, Melbourne).

The first graduates to participate in the N.Z.U.S.A. volunteer graduate scheme in Indonesia may travel to Indonesia late this year or early 1959. The young graduates will go to Indonesia to work in positions where they can assist in the development of the recently-independent country's economic resources. Engineers, scientists and other specialists will work alongside Indonesians, receiving the same rates of pay as Indonesians with similar qualifications. For some months reports of political unrest in Indonesia have delayed action in putting the scheme into effect. The only formality that remains to be overcome is the Indonesian government's final approval of the scheme. The Australian National Student Union (N.U.A.U.S.) has already sent about 30 graduates there under a similar scheme — (of STUDENT MIRROR no. 117). (U.S.C.P. New Bulletin, Wellington).

The students of 6 teachers colleges in Lower Saxony marched in a day-long strike on April 25, in order to lend force to their protests against insufficient financial assistance to students, the inadequate staffing of teachers and the lack of classroom supplies, and as a campaign for recognition of their schools as scientific institutes. A delegation of the students went to the Minister for Culture who supported the students in their basic demands. Since then the Conference of West German Ministers of Culture has pleaded for a financial strengthening of the teachers colleges during the next fiscal year. — (Hannoversche Presse).

The community relations committee of the Student Government of the University of Chicago will circulate a petition on the issue of segregated housing available to its university students. The resolution is addressed to the University Chancellor and reads as follows: "We the undersigned students of the University of Chicago do hereby request a petition that steps be taken to establish a student housing file listing all such and only such housing as is available to students regardless of race, creed, colour; and furthermore, that any official housing file containing discriminatory listings be abolished." The petition has been endorsed by 19 student organisations. — (Chicago Maroon, Chicago).

A club has been formed in Oxford with membership restricted to those who have failed their Preliminary examinations three times, and have yet managed to remain at the University. The club bears a white plough on a blue background. — (Quorum, St. Andrews).

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



CHRISTIANITY

Sir,
A student's *raison d'être* is study. He comes to the University to acquire a certain body of knowledge and a disciplined method of thought. He is taught to question statements and to seek the truth for himself by comparing his opinions with those of others who have thought deeply on the subject. If he is honest, he takes this attitude to the fundamental beliefs in which he as a personality trusts — i.e. to his religion.

There is no comfortable half-way house between honesty and dishonesty. Either you are consistently honest or you are being dishonest — which is obvious to others if not to yourself. You respect a man who can defend his opinions logically — not only for the forcefulness of his arguments, but also because, having followed out the arguments for himself, he is not afraid to listen to other people's ideas, and, if necessary, to adjust his own in accordance with some new fact or insight. There is no one so intolerably dogmatic as the man who has simply absorbed ready-made beliefs and feels them crumbling under him. Prejudice, after all, is only another form of cowardice.

At the same time, simply because you suddenly find yourself questioning accepted value and beliefs, there is no need to jettison them indiscriminately. If you try to start with a blank, you're in for chaos. We all know students who are caught in that terrifying insecurity of mind — having discarded every standard, they have nothing by which to judge, and only guesswork by which to resolve conflicting ideas. Surely the only sane approach is a reasoned investigation into all sides of the question — and the humility to admit you haven't reached the answer yet.

Whether we like it or not, each one of us is ultimately responsible for the mess he makes of his personality. Which is why it is imperative to face up to the possibility that that personality may be judged by its Creator. Now, while our job is study, and while there are organizations around us for students to get together and think these things out, is the time to be honest with ourselves.

—S.C.M. VIEW.

Sir,
In his recent article, W.S.B. made a statement of fact concerning science and the origin of life, viz., "the origin of life is materialistic and not the result of the will of any so-called 'Higher Being,' as the superstition bred of ignorance which we call religion has up till now suggested." May I ask him upon what scientific ground does he base this belief? Where is science showing that the basis of life is a chemical force? Such a statement is not a scientifically proven fact, and is at the most but a questionable hypothesis.

Does this mean that "Atheist" is bas-

ing his whole philosophy of life on a mere hypothesis? To do so requires a great deal more 'faith' than this humble scientist possesses.

To believe in God is thus a simpler thing to do — and more satisfying. As one looks into the scientific realm, one sees the whole as an ordered, and law governed entity. To believe that behind this stands a law-giver who is the God of Law and Order, is natural. We see law in the realm of science. What is more to be expected than that there should be law in the realm of human behaviour. The same law-giver rules over both.

The breaking of that law (sin), brings punishment (death). The law-breaker cannot contract out from this state. Only the creator can provide a way out. Christianity states that God has done this in Jesus Christ.

Thus Christianity is a more logical and natural belief to my mind than the conclusions to which "Atheist" is forced; and in this I am happy to know that many of the greatest scientists in the past ages and now, share this view.

JOHN ROBERTS-THOMPSON.

Sir,

I was disappointed to see that in his article supporting atheism, Mr Broughton did not attempt to deal with what seems to me to be two basic considerations. Perhaps he would remedy the situation.

In the first place, he claims that he does not believe in God, advancing in support, theories concerning the Soul and on after-life. But these are rather the antithesis of the Christian's view of Man, than a proof that there is no God. There is still room for the incomprehensible divine force of the Agnostic. And supposing man was of entirely chemical origin; it still does not account for the chemicals.

If he is to suggest as a reply to this that they do not need to have an origin, then Chemistry becomes your eternal, all powerful, omnipresent God. That is, he adopts a refined form of native worship.

Secondly, he carefully states that he presents a personal credo rather than an argument against Christianity. But this is the positive side of his beliefs, based on scientific theories. The negative side which we can only draw from his conclusions appears to ignore that facts of history. He does not answer the question asked first by Pilate — "What shall I do then with Jesus, which is called Christ?"

According to Mr Broughton, with the exception of a select group of which he is a member, all mankind is suffering from delusions. Thus it can only be that Jesus Christ was the most deluded of all — in fact a madman. From such a person as this then, has some what is regarded, not only by Christians but also by others, as one of the highest standards of ethical teaching this world has

known.

But more than that, the facts concerning that test case of all miracles — the Resurrection — cannot be disregarded. Is Mr Broughton sure that his rejection of his is a scientific approach to history?

For myself, I find this "delusion" has extraordinary reality, from the proof of personal experience — rather more, I fancy, than can be accredited to his belief. —BRIAN C. JENKINS.

Sir,

I have read with interest the letters published in *Craccum* concerning religion and wish to challenge those who have written against Christianity.

To those to whom Christianity is not the truth I would challenge them to read the New Testament, particularly the Gospels as being the foundation of Christian truth. Many read and write about the Bible, but the only true defence of the Bible is that it is the Bible. If the language of the King James' version is too lofty for comprehension there are many good modern translations.

To those who say that Christianity is only one of the many religions, I say this. I have studied in detail the doctrines of Hinduism and Islam as well as the major modern off-shoots of Christianity. The other major religions I have studied but not in such great detail. I challenge such people to study these religions beside Christianity and draw their own conclusions.

To those who blindly assert there is no God I feel that the words of St. Paul (written in Romans 1:19ff., translation by J. B. Phillips) apply. "It is not that they do not know the truth about God: indeed he has made it quite plain to them. For since the beginning of the world the visible attributes of God e.g. His eternal power, his Divinity have been plainly discernible through things which he has made and which are commonly seen and known, thus leaving these men without a rag of an excuse. They knew all the time that there was a God but refused to acknowledge Him as such, or thank him for what he is and does. Thus they became fatuous in their arguments and plunged their silly minds further into the dark. Behind a facade of "wisdom" they became just fools. . . They gave up God and therefore God gave up them."

RUTH TURNER.

THE SOLUTION?

Sir,

Auckland's reaction to the problems of the University site has been scientifically fascinating. Unfortunately we cannot regard it solely in this detached manner and the frightening obtuseness that the people of this fair city display has put the whole position of tertiary education in jeopardy.

The problem, like all problems, is susceptible to simple solution. One of the first requirements of a University is an adequate campus of about two hundred acres; one of the first requirements of a city is adequate parkland, which precludes further encroachment thereon. This, as the more discerning will now have grasped, points to Hobson Bay.

It is objected that moving the University would take some years, in which time the University would be forced to turn Seekers after Truth from its doors. The obvious answer to this is that if examination standards were raised it would be immeasurably beneficial to the University and to the community: it would also very substantially reduce overcrowding. For this reason we should ignore the oft used threat of lack of space: we can and should wait here until the Government finds the money to give us a site commensurate with the academic standard that Auckland University may well attain within a century or less.

A.G.M.

LIBRARY ABUSED

Sir,

All students should be grateful to the librarian Mr Sandall, for bringing to the notice of the authorities the serious overcrowding in the library; (see "N.Z. Herald" 22/4/58) The problem seems to be at its worst between 3 and 6 p.m. when the part-time students pour in. As numerous lecture rooms are still surprisingly-vacant during the day could not more of the lectures for full-timers be held before 3 p.m., thus easing both big classes and the library. Present students will never use the new library but minor improvements could be effected now; e.g. conversations at the counter could be toned down especially by those using the phone; a number of the shelves and books are in a pretty grimy condition, in fact the floor is usually cleaner than the valuable stock; some of the contents cards on the outside of the catalogue just can't be read, note 'tin' to 'z', and finally has anyone tried to read the titles of the magazines in the boxes above the history section? These are of course matters for alert assistants and not for the big boss.

Regular User.

A School For Drinkers?

At last the gentlemen drinkers of the University have asserted themselves. They have formed a society, as exclusive as the Gourmets' Club and as experienced as the Wine-Tasters' Association, but retaining a distinctly New Zealand flavour. They have started the Home-Brewers' Club.

The Club secretary, Mr David Cameron, of the Dental School, outlined the aims of the organisation in an exclusive interview. "It all arose," he said, "out of the need a few of us felt to improve the standard of home brewing in student flats. We now have club evenings, during which the contributions of members are tested and graded. We take into account such things as cloudiness, alcoholic content, specific gravity, yeastiness, the presence of foreign bodies and so on. Naturally, there is great rivalry over the order in which the various entries on any one evening come up for judging, since some of the competitors feel (quite erroneously, of course) that the judges will be more lenient toward the end of their sampling."

When asked who the judges were, Mr Cameron wasted no words: "We all are," he said. He issued an invitation to all interested to get in touch with him. In reply to a question, he informed our reporter that the Club had not so far considered affiliating with O.U.S.A. "It might hinder our freedom of action," he said.—From *Critic*.

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I am nominating Arthur because of his outstanding ability. An LL.B. graduate doing honours, Arthur came to University in 1953, and was at O'Rorke, where he was on the committee for three years, and Chairman for eighteen months. He is now a life member of the O'Rorke Hall Students' Association.

Elected to the Executive in 1956, he has been Business Manager for two years, and has twice been a delegate to Council Meetings of the New Zealand University Students' Association. As a result of his ability, he was elected to represent New Zealand Students at the 8th International Student Conference.

Arthur has been on Finance, Cafeteria, Sports grants, Societies grants, Student block, and several constitutional committees. He has been prominent in sport; playing football for O'Rorke, was Captain of the Auckland 2nd Grade Representatives for two years, played cricket in the 1957 Easter Tournament, and was Captain of the University Cricket 2nd XI last season. He plays tennis, golf, water-polo, and swims. He has been a participant in Capping band, debating, and Revue.

A President should have an intimate knowledge of the Association, administrative common-sense and strong chairmanship, ability to get on with, and handle others, and imaginative leadership.

Arthur has all these, and I am confident he will prove an able President.

PRESIDENCY

Candidates out line Policy

Because there is no opportunity for Presidential candidates to hold a public meeting, the Editors have invited them to outline their policy in a letter.

Replying to your request for a letter, I would say that our basic aim must be to extend and increase activities and student participation. I believe that this can best be achieved through administrative continuity and by approaching our current problems resolutely.

Our association demands sound administrative and financial supervision. This hurdle is a substantial one — last year the turn-over was £21,000 — and the past has shown that continuity is essential. My work as business manager for two years has intimately concerned me with finance and administration, and I believe that I can provide this essential continuity.

We have a substantial number of current domestic problems which must be faced squarely. For instance, we must insist upon new tennis and basketball courts at the old Grammar School site; we must press for space in the Mt Pleasant building for Drama and Revue storage, for the Table Tennis Club, and for the Student Health Service; we must obtain student concessions at city shops and stores. Furthermore, we must shortly face the raising of funds for a Students' Association building for the new University, and must give urgent consideration to the Association's stand on the site question. We must support N.Z.U.S.A. and press for the direct benefits it endeavours to obtain for us; e.g. PAYE taxation relief, student travel concessions.

The President of the Association must have a thorough understanding of its workings and a proper appreciation of its problems. From my connection with student activities, particularly from my two years on the executive, I have been fortunate in gaining extensive knowledge of the Association, and this could be put to good purpose if I am elected President

ARTHUR YOUNG.

I was pleased when you offered me this opportunity of writing a general letter regarding my intentions if elected as President. No other opportunity has been given to my opponent or myself to express our views and I feel that has been a mistake. If elected I propose to work for the following:

1. *Courses and Lectures.* I want to see that the work of the N.Z.U.S.A. sub-committee for the improvement of these matters is effectively carried through.

2. *Grants.* A review of the present system with the intent that clubs and societies receive a more equitable distribution of the funds available.

3. *Engineering Students.* Closer relations with the students in the city, effective cessation from the Training College, and a new dining hall.

4. *An Inquiry into the Stud. Assn. Fee.* To see if this can be reduced without appreciably diminishing the services to students provided by the Association.

5. *Cafeteria.* A rigorous control of the cafeteria so that under the new contract the standard of meals is raised above that recently experienced.

6. *Architectural Students.* Representation on Exec.

7. *Increased students facilities.* In Mt Pleasant hospital for club activities.

8. *Sports Facilities generally.* Places close to the city for sporting activities. This matter in the past has not received the attention it deserves.

9. *The Site* Irrespective of which site is favoured the important issue is that something concrete must be done and done quickly. Far too little importance has been attached to student opinion and I feel that as we are most vitally concerned our views should be forcibly expressed.

10. *N.Z.U.S.A.* Close collaboration of this association with N.Z.U.S.A. where it is to the advantage of this university or of the N.Z. student body generally.

11. *Finance and Administration.* A close watch must be kept on both these matters to see that your wishes are effectively carried out.

Experience in the association's affairs is an important factor in these elections, but what is more important I feel, is the necessity to bring new people and new ideas to the Executive. Only in this way will our Association develop as it should. To return to office executive members of some years standing halts this advance and we fall into an unimaginative backwater of administration and policy. In this regard change is essential.

ALLAN COULAM.

**ALAN COULAM**

Nominated by D. Taylor: J. Bayley, N. Maidment.

As Vice-President of the Stud. Assn. 1956-1957, and acting President in the absence of Peter Boag overseas, Allan Coulam has the experience to lead the Executive. The President must be able to chair executive meetings; Allan proved himself as a Chairman in the difficult Constitution meetings of 1956-57.

As a past Vice-President, Allan naturally has an intimate knowledge of all aspects of Stud. Assn. administration. He is qualified to direct the Executive on Grants, Capping, Orientation, Travel, and Exchange, and Social Committees, to name but a few. A senior student, completing LL.B Part-Time, Allan has participated widely in Student activities; in tournaments 1953-54-56-57 he represented A.U., as Debating Controller (1953), and in the Bledisloe Medal (1953-56). He is well known for his part in the Revues of 1956-57-58, and has further active interests as a member of the Law Society committee, Drama Society, Ski and Fencing Clubs.

But what is far more important is what Allen is going to do as President. The past has shown that long lists of activities do not guarantee how the candidate proposes to conduct student affairs. At N.Z.U.S.A., 1957, Allan sponsored a full inquiry into University Education in an attempt to improve the standard of lecturing in Universities, and to mitigate some of the severe regulations concerning terms; he also pressed for the reintroduction of numbers instead of names on degree exam papers. We feel that this type of initiative on the Students' behalf is far more important than sporting and society activities alone. The office of President demands experience, executive ability, initiative, and personality. Allan has clearly shown that he has these qualities and sincerely undertakes to work impartially for the welfare of all students. We feel he is the better man for the job and ask you to support him.

MAN VICE-PRESIDENT

MICHAEL FREYNE

Nominated by P. Gordon: M. Chapman, B. Snook.

I have nominated Michael for a second term as Man Vice President because of his proven ability and his desire to complete work begun this year.

He came to Auckland University in 1952 as a junior scholar and has graduated Master of Arts with honours in Latin. He is now doing a Dip. Ed.

Michael has had wide experience on Executive sub-committees. He was Secretary for Social (1955-56) and Capping Committees, and a member of Men's House Committee (1956-57).

Elected Man Vice President in 1957, Michael has acted as corresponding Member with other Universities and has chaired the Educational Student Block and the Blood Donations Committees. He is Secretary of the University Buildings Development Committee, and has served on Cafeteria, Sports Grants, Societies Grants, Student Liaison and Appeals Committees. He has twice been a delegate to meetings of New Zealand Universities Students' Association.

Michael's club interests have been very strong, and include Catholic Society (President, 1955, Secretary 1957), World University Service, (committee member 1954-56), Classical Society (Student Chairman 1955), Music, Modern Languages and Literary Clubs. He has twice attended N.Z.U.S.A. Congress.

The Man Vice President must have a deep interest and insight into student affairs, and a willingness to work.

Michael has given proof of these qualities and of his comprehensive grasp of student activities. I commend him to you.

TONY HOLMAN

Nominated by O. J. Miller: J. Whitelaw, R. W. Armstrong.

Tony Holman needs no recommending to those who have served with him on any committee and, in our opinion, he is most eminently qualified for Vice-Presidency. The drive and personality which have characterised all that he has taken on, along with his experience in student affairs both at the college and national level are just what the office of Vice-President needs.

One look at his record will indicate the wide variety and responsibility of the positions that he has held. He was appointed to Men's House Committee July 1955, Secretary 1955-56, Treasurer 1956-57, Acting-Chairman 1957, Assistant Returning Officer for the 1955 elections and he capably held the position of Front of House Manager of Revue for Capping Committee 1956. After attending N.Z. University Congress in 1956 and 1957 he was appointed to the extremely onerous position of Congress Controller 1958. He has attended two Tournaments to present the official Congress Reports to N.Z.U.S.A. and knows much of the workings of that body.

Tony has shown a wide interest in a range of clubs. Field Club, S.C.M., I.R.C. (of which he is a Committee member) to name a few and he has always been an active member.

This year he is at Training College and is doing Economics III and Statistical Method towards the completion of his B.Com. After several years Full-Time and one part-time he has the breadth and maturity to look after both the full-time and part-time students' interests. We strongly recommend Tony Holman to you for Vice President.

NEIL MAIDMENT

Nominated by R. Mulgan: B. Scudder, E. Saul.

Neil Maidment came to A.U. in 1956, has been a full-time student until the beginning of this term, and is completing his B.A. degree in languages. Students will know him best as a member of the Executive, in which he has held one of the Societies' portfolios for the past year.

He has taken a wide and active interest in student activities which include: Committee-member of Debating Society (1956) and Secretary-Treasurer (1956-57). Treasurer of Modern Languages Club (1957-58-59), and committee member of Socialist Society (but as a Tory found the position impossible and resigned). Other interests include Drama Society and Revue (1957-58) and he has been member and leader of various university debating teams over the past three years and was selected to represent A.U. at Winter Tournament 1956 in Christchurch as a member of the Joint Scroll team, victorious for the first time in 20 years.

Man Vice-President calls for a wide

experience in student affairs and Neil has shown himself to be extremely capable in this field. A member of Social Committee (1956) and Orientation Committee (1956/57), his administrative talents were recognised in his being selected for the arduous post of Billing Controller for Winter Tournament held in Auckland last year, the success of which is a tribute to Neil's capacity for organisation and thoroughness. During the course of his Executive duties he has been active on the following committees: Societies' Grants, Arts Festival, Orientation and Home Tournament 1957. Also, he was this year chosen as one of A.U.'s Delegates to N.Z.U.S.A. Easter Council Meeting at Christchurch.

In view of these experiences, Neil is completely up to date in student affairs both in Auckland and at N.Z.U.S.A., and the importance of this cannot be over-estimated. What is more, Neil has a most likeable personality and a sound sense of proportion which is often lacking in student affairs. Finally, he is a genuine student and as such is most fit to represent you. We cannot urge you too strongly to give him your confidence and support for the Vice-Presidency.

EVER TRIED EXEC ?

Positions Outlined

Elections for Portfolio Holders of the Executive will be held on Thursday and Friday, the 19th and 20th June. Nominations close at mid-day on Saturday, 7th June, 1958.

The duties of the Portfolio Holders are as follows:

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Capping Controller is responsible to the executive for the due management and control of the capping carnival and is Chairman of the committee appointed by the executive for the purpose of managing the annual Capping Carnival, including the Graduation Ball, Capping Revue, Capping Book, Procession and all the other functions connected with the Capping Carnival.

Business Manager is responsible for the business management of all publications published by or under the auspices of the Association cafeteria.

Social Controller is responsible for the management and the control of all social functions held by the Association and is the chairman of the Social Committee.

Societies Representative supervises the affairs and safeguards the interests of all the affiliated bodies formed for purposes other than sport. He is the Chairman of the Societies Grants Committee and of any committee appointed by the Executive for the purpose of controlling Association Publications and also deals with all matters connected with the Annual N.Z.U.S.A. Congress.

Societies Secretary assists the Societies' Representative in his duties and is the secretary of the Societies Grants Committee.

Sports Club Representative supervises the affairs and safeguards the interests of all affiliated bodies formed for the purposes of sport and is the Chairman of the Sports Clubs' Grants Committee and the Tournament Committee.

Sports Clubs Secretary assists the Sports Clubs' Representative in his duties and is the secretary of the Sports Clubs' Grants Committee and of the Blues Committee.

Student Liaison Officer deals with all matters concerned with Annual N.Z.-U.S.A. travel and Exchange Scheme, controls any function arranged for the orientation of students each year and is Liaison Officer between the Executive and students. He is concerned with the welfare of the students as a whole particularly those not living in Auckland and of non-European origin.

Chairman of Men's House Committee is Chairman of the committee appointed by the Executive for the purpose of controlling the Men's Common Room and is responsible for the carrying out the objects of the Association appertaining more particularly to men students.

Chairman of Women's House Committee is Chairman of the committee appointed for the purpose of controlling the Women's Common Room and is responsible for carrying out the objects of the Association appertaining more particularly to the women students.

EXEC. NOTES

Record your vote for the election of President and Man Vice-President on Thursday and Friday, 5th and 6th June. Polling booths will be in the main foyer of the Arts block, at the School of Architecture, Elam and Ardmore. Voting will take place from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. on Thursday and 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Friday. The electoral roll is posted in the cloisters and students are requested to check that their names are on it. Students whose names are not on the roll see Mrs. Chisholm immediately as otherwise they will be ineligible to vote.

Returning Officer,
JOHN HAWTHORN.

Grants Com. Fed-up

Last Exec. meeting followed the general lines of after-Capping meetings and several complaints were read from citizens and others who had suffered from Student Humour.

A city firm had its doors painted (a sport which is very popular around Varsity judging by the number of students who participate in it) and in University grounds several prize trees were cut down students being suspected but not proven guilty of the crime. Otherwise no report was forthcoming from Mr Julian on Capping. The only bit of information

before Swimming Finals and (b) that no liquor be admitted to the pool during swimming at Tournament.

Mr Lees was fined.

Report from Grants Committee revealed amongst other things that playing Hockey is an expensive business and up to £260 expenditure is necessary (by the Hockey Club) before the players even get onto the field. Application for affiliation by Rugby League revealed that Exec. knows very little about Rugby League and references to affiliation with other clubs caused much questioning and so the motion was let lie until further information is available. Clubs note: Grants Committee are fed-up with clubs who don't apply for grants on time, but expect them just the same. A resolution was passed to the effect that any club whose application for a grant isn't in on time, receive not more than 75% of application or previous grant, whichever is the lesser. Comment immediately arose concerning the grammatical construction of the resolution.

Finally a letter from Otago concerning Import Restrictions on books, the first part of which reads:

"Estimated saving in overseas funds—£800,000 approx does not offset the stultification in the already precarious intellectual life of the country."



THERE'S ONLY ONE
I WANT TO VOTE FOR,
REALLY.

Women's Vice-President and Treasurer

Bev. Snook has been re-elected to the position of Women's Vice-President and new-comer John Strevens, who has been amongst other things, Craccum's Advertising Manager for several years, has joined the Executive ranks as Treasurer.

INDIAN STUDENTS SPEND VACATION IN AUSTRALIA

Three Indian students from Guindy Engineering College, Madras, arrived last week to undertake their long vacation practical work in Australia.

Two of the students will remain for ten weeks. The other, a graduate, will stay for a year. They are working in Adelaide.

The Engineering Faculty Bureau of the National Union of Australian University Students was responsible for organizing their trip, which is part of an exchange scheme.

The aim of the scheme is to exchange engineering students between India and Australia and so increase the understanding and appreciation of the way of life of the students in one country by those in the other.

The scheme began in 1956 when nine Indian Engineering students spent their vacation gaining practical experience in Australia.

Several difficulties have been encountered in running this exchange scheme in the past, the principal one being obtaining jobs for Australians in India. To date the scheme has only been a one way affair with Indian students travelling to Australia but it is felt, for the scheme to achieve its aim fully, it must be a two way arrangement with students from each country taking part.

It is hoped that in the future the scheme will be extended to other countries in South-East Asia.

(N.U.A.U.S. News and Information Service)

gleaned was that 764 attended Grad. Ball. Generally a financial success.

The Rumpus at Tournament when the behaviour of certain students at the Swimming Finals caused authorities considerable alarm, was settled as far as Auckland was concerned when Mr Lees appeared before Exec. on the charge of pushing the referee into the pool. From the Cross-examination it appeared that Mr Lees was guilty, but many students were involved in the general rumpus. The whole business caused two moves (a) that official dinners be not held

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REVUE RUMPUS

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During the course of the 1958 revue "Triptomania," the presentation of the student horse to the Governor-General was attended by much newspaper publicity and a great deal of favourable comment. From one source, however, came comments (and questions) of a different kind.

A few days after the photo of the horse and the Governor appeared in the paper, Revue Business Manager Jolyon Firth received from a well-known Government Department the following letter:

A rap over the Knuckles

"File Ak. 1 g.g.
Dear Mr Firth,

It has come to my notice that you have made a public appearance accompanied by a horse and sundry others.

As you are aware, a very strict record is kept of all importations of horses into this country, and indeed I am bound to furnish a monthly return of such things to my Head Office. A check of the return reveals no trace of such a nag as "Bally Hoo". I can only conclude, therefore, that the gee-gee has been illegally entered and most probably without an import licence.

It is my painful duty, consequently, to demand, or otherwise ask for a written explanation, with supporting evidence, of 1956 similar actions, as to why you entered the horse without first being in possession of the required licence. I would further request that you advise me whether or not the horse was entered for breeding purposes.

Under the circumstances nothing short of a miracle can save you!

By the way in closing may I ask which was the horse?"

Jolyon Fights Back

In his reply, Jolyon Firth said:
"Dear Sir,

Your File No. 1 g.g.

I have to thank you for your letter of the 8th May in which you enquire as to the importation of the gee-gee "Bally Hoo" which was presented to the Governor-General at a ceremony last Monday evening.

It was imported for the establishment of New Zealand's National Stud. This

will be the second of its kind in New Zealand, the first of which appears to be already fully operating on the ground floor of the Government Building in Customs Street East.

This horse has a remarkable pedigree. It is by Rayboard out of Collector. It is my intention, once it has eaten the Governor-General out of (Government) House and Home to lease it to the Public Service Commissioner and thus assist him to improve even further the standard of horse-sense which is so prevalent in Government Departments (and one in particular).

The Spirited Reply

It will be leased to him on the stipulation that he does not use it for horse-trading — a practice which is now part of the "new look" in the government.

Recognizing your right of seizure of unlicensed goods, I should give you fair warning that at the time you were writing to me, two flag-thieves were spending the night in gaol for trying to "hoist" the flag from (not up) the pole at Government House. Woe betide anyone who dare try and pinch the Governor's horse. One night's gaol for a flag is after all, the equivalent of at least ten years for a horse.

Furthermore not even the most demented of government departments have resorted to horse-thieving yet.

As to who, in the photo, was the horse. If you take a glossy copy of the photo and look at it hard, you will see in the reflection, the answer to your question."

Note: The writer of the letter is the Auckland head of the particular government department. He is also a particularly good friend of Mr Firth, whose smiling reaction to it all was "That's what your friends do to you."

THANK YOU!

Sir,

I would like to place on record, through your columns, my very deep appreciation for the efforts of all those people who did so much to make "Triptomania" the finest student Revue that has been presented to the public of Auckland for a great many years.

That a record number of people came to see it, that it received so much praise, that it went with hardly any hitches (and none of any consequence) and that it showed the biggest profit of any Revue since the 1930's is a great credit for the terrific amount of work that was put into it.

At the conclusion of the Monday night's performance, the Governor-General said to me: "That is the finest show of its kind that I can ever remember" and I believe that he then summed up the opinion of the 7,500 people who saw the show.

To everyone who did so much to make "Triptomania" such an outstanding success, Revue Director Maurie Tetley-Jones and the whole Revue Committee join me in saying to you all "Thanks a million"

JOLYON FIRTH,
Revue Business Manager.

When All is said and Done

Once more capping has come and gone and the usual number of complaints and praises pours in. Generally, however, it seems to have been a much enjoyed affair, and comments from a number of sources indicate everything was of a high standard.



Students evade law by removing Community Chest-legally.

Emphasis on the fact there was no reasonable excuse for Process this year as street collections have been abolished, succeeded in producing a really first class procession. General theme was import restrictions, but many other subjects came under attack in the usual manner. New idea this year, was the panel of Architects to help advise on construction of floats.

Capping book, to say the least, was different. Blurb advertising the unusual layout, wide range of prints etc. etc. was remarkable for its accuracy. It was topical, typical and most enjoyable.

Revue has made headlines, and also a profit. Grad. Ball (the Social event of the year I am told) was if appearance is any guide, a rip-roaring success.

Congratulations Organisers.

(Continued from front page)

many I have struck myself, and those gay occasions which many of us have had with New Zealanders and with one another, I shall recount only one incident which I am likely to remember for a long time to come. This winter I was staying at O'Rorke Hall, where we were not allowed to have heaters in our own rooms. Despite the ruling, I borrowed

one from one of my lecturers and kept it in my room a well-guarded secret. Then one day it went missing. Enquiries in all the male flats resulting in my gaining but one hint: the Assistant Matron has it. For all the cold, I had no courage to go and ask her. So the winter went past and the summer came round, and I left O'Rorke. Then one day, the lecturer asked me if I still had his heater. "Yes, I will get it" I said. He said there was no hurry, but I insisted it was not far away. I must say my heart was in my mouth, for if the Assistant Matron did not have it, I was in trouble; and if she did, then I was also in "very plenty trouble." "I had a heater in my room," I began to explain. "Oh yes," came the answer. "It is in my office. You will find two heaters there; both belong to Fijians, and both owners have remained strangely silent about them!" She smiled, and then went on with her sewing. My heart fell into my stomach with a thud; my anxiety had been allayed, and with such humour and understanding; the excitement has, to this day, been wholly mine.

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ARDMORE NEWSLETTER

Activities Serious and otherwise

Greetings once more from far off Ardmore where only Engineers and Eskimos can survive without being totally dormant! Since you last heard from us, we have not been idle. April 1st has come and gone, the Governor General has "visited" us and the football season has once more descended on us.

Work has also resumed now that Tournament and the related escapades have blown over.

"April 1st", a national day at Ardmore, was this year considerably more successful than in previous years. Numerous schemes were planned by us which mainly involved our neighbours, Ardmore T.C. This year judder bars were laid down on the main road through the College to curb the commonplace speedway tendency in the area. These were highly successful and many drivers were down to walking pace. Indeed the bus drivers refused to come in and many T.C. students were seen walking out the gate to catch buses.

Ample use, this year, was made of the road signs in the possession of one of our more exploiting students; there was a "bus stop" in the cricket pitch; half a pedestrian crossing, and Professor M's house was a "kindergarten" with "slow children."

A graveyard was erected, from large boulders, on the campus outside the dining hall by First Pro., to commemorate the passing of those students who could not survive the meals. Even the stray cat would not touch the meals. (One Engineer claims that only by going to breakfast every day of the year did you have a chance in degree. It seems if you can take the breakfast, you can take anything).

Swimming Pool Converted

By no means a mean task was the setting up of a beer garden (only minus the guests) with miscellaneous furniture at the bottom of the swimming pool. Subsequent salvage proved to be quite a mammoth task short of draining the pool.

Our Herald agent here, hit upon the bright idea of substituting the College Heralds of April 1st with old newspapers which had been carefully ironed and arranged in bundles. He was amply rewarded in the morning by irate lecturers (both T.C. and Engineering) mumbling something about "... can't they ever leave our morning paper alone?" Happy to say, they were appeased by spare copies of April 1st papers.

Breakfast was made quite memorable that morning by the attendance of every Engineer and also the appearance of special menus in typical restaurant style. Several 2nd Pro. students, amazed that girls can sleep through alarm bells at 5 a.m., declared the alarm system a "dead loss." Altogether an enjoyable April 1st.

A Vice-Regal visit to Ardmore College

was not allowed to pass unexploited. So previous last minute planning to the tune of:— B... has five; M... has seven; Cobham has eight; Cobham for Dean, brought forth a plan from the fertile brains of Plim and Goldie. A wad block was arranged to be set up about a mile from the College. The Governor General's car was waylaid and "diplomat" Plim had words with Lord Cobham, tried to persuade him to forsake his ostentatious-type Rolls for an Austintatious 1927-type Austin 7. He declined our invitation with regret. Undaunted, the Engineers with all cars and motorbikes at the ready, arranged an escort of noise to the Ardmore College rather to the delight of the waiting students and to the horror of the T.C. lecturers.

Governor Unveils Plaque

However he had not seen the last of us. Intercepted on the way to lunch, he belatedly unveiled a "plaque" commemorating the renovations of our common-room. After a few yarns and comments on his attempted "abduction", he went on to lunch.

Our Rugby talent has been fairly abundant this year mainly due to a large 1st Pro. There are 40 players available and we have no difficulty in fielding two teams. In two games, the Seniors have emerged with one win and one draw. The Juniors have had a win and a loss. However the teams are improving with experience and fitness, so beware, Science and Architecture students!

Technical activities so far this year have incorporated a trip to the Meremere Coal Power Station, films on Engineering subjects and an informal talk by Professor Kettleborough on "American Varsity and High School Education." Great interest is being taken in the forthcoming classes in Technical German.

M. Petricevich, Correspondent.

KIWI

The closing date for contributions to Kiwi, 1958, is 10th June. The Editors still require copy of an original nature, particularly verse and short stories. Contributions may be left in Literary Society letter-box, or given to the Editors—A. J. Gurr, M. E. A. Richards.

The Italian Society for Contemporary Music, in collaboration with three well-known music publishers and the Radiotelevisioni Italiana, has announced details of an important International Composition Contest. Prizes have been offered in six categories, ranging from chamber music to large-scale choral and orchestral works. In addition to publishing and performing the winning works, and possibly also those placed second, there will be awards made ranging from 250,000 to 500,000 lire (i.e., about £NZ140 to £285). Works that have been already performed may be submitted, but they must be unpublished. The closing date is December 31st, 1958.

New Zealand composers who would like full details of the competition may write to Peter Crowe N.Z. section of the ISCM, 28 Titirangi Road, Wellington, E.3.

THE HEALTH OF THE MIND

The study of mental diseases is one that has often been ignored by the large majority of the community and it is interesting therefore to hear of a new move around Auckland in this field. The following is a summary of what is happening:

About this time last year a number of women began to meet in an informal group to discuss matters relating to Mental Health. From this sprang a small Counselling Service, in response to individual needs... "where to take problems" of various kinds. They found that there were many groups, organisations, and institutions, in the City, prepared to help with problems, but that many people did not know about them, or were diffident about approaching them. One of the greatest lacks found is of an adequate Psychiatric Out-Patients department, attached to the Auckland Public Hospital, and a critical shortage of trained Psychiatrists and Psycho-therapists (not only in private practice, but in the Mental Hospitals themselves) and of Psychiatric Social Workers.

Mental Health Services

It became more and more obvious that in some important respects Auckland is very poorly supplied with Mental Health Services, and that there is a great deal of public ignorance and misunderstanding about the principles and practices of Mental Health itself. There seems to be little understanding of the fact that mental illness does not just happen... it is caused, very largely by faulty relationships with other people in the very early years. It cannot usually be treated well in isolation from people, but in many cases depends for its cure upon the re-establishment of good relationships with others, and ultimately with the community at large. The community, on the other hand, has the responsibility of achieving and maintaining a constructive attitude to the mentally ill. Where many in a society are mentally ill, it may be suspected that something in the society

itself is a contributing factor to such illness. Services which are available depend to a considerable degree on public demand... in other words, we get the kind of service that we deserve. An Association concerned with the co-ordination of such services as are available, and with the education and mobilisation of public opinion to demand their improvement both medically and legally, is a great need. Such an Association could affiliate with the World Federation for Mental Health and so keep in touch with the best that is being done overseas. It could campaign for public education and recognition through press, films, and radio, and for the alteration of attitudes and practices known to be harmful to mental health. By helping to persuade people to seek treatment early, and by trying to see the facilities for such treatment are readily available, it could cut down the terrific toll of economic loss and unnecessary human suffering caused by neglected mental illness. A great many other activities could also be undertaken.

Such an organisation is already under consideration and an interim committee has been formed. It needs, however, support. Thus if anyone is interested, contact the Treasurer Mrs Edith Dixon, 7 Barrack Rd., Mt. Wellington, Phone 576-997 or the secretary, Mrs Nancy Fox, 102 Ireland Rd., Panmure, E.2. Phone 577-729.

Copy is required for the next issue of Nucleus. Contributions should be addressed to the Editors and placed on the letter rack outside the Men's Reading Room.

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BLUES PANEL AT WORK

By Margaret Weatherly

A subject of perennial interest to students active in sport is the University Blues Panel.

The Panel consists of five men or women with outstanding records in both the competitive and administrative aspects of sport, and three members of the Students' Association: the President, and the two Sports Reps.

The students on the Panel of course change every year, but the five members appointed by the Executive have a term of five years, one retiring each year. At present the members are Mr Dave Neal, chairman (a past A.U.S.A. President), and Messrs Colin Kay, Gordon Gilmour, L.W.A. Crawley, and Frank Duggan.

The Panel meets twice a year, in May to consider summer sports and in September to consider winter sports — twenty altogether.

Procedure is quite simple. The Selector who has been appointed by the Club concerned as an active but non-competing member is required to submit his nominations, with all relevant information, for the Panel's perusal 14 days before the meeting, and must then be present at the meeting to answer any further questions of the Panel, who at the same time assess his integrity in supporting the nominations put forward.

When all the Selectors have been heard, the Panel goes into Committee to

weigh the candidates' performances in two scales: that of Provincial standard (allowing for the fact that this is more difficult to attain in Auckland than in the other Provinces of N.Z.), and that of the comparative achievement in other sports. It is necessary to try and maintain a uniformly high standard in all sports so that any Blue is equal to another, an ideal which sets many difficult decisions before the Panel.

Your representatives on the Blues Panel were exceedingly impressed with its sensible approach to all problems and its extreme fairness. The last meeting lasted for four hours and considered 54 nominations. Of these, 24 were awarded Blues, with some still being considered, and some held over till the next meeting when a Selector is present.

Altogether, we feel that Auckland University students can have every confidence in the integrity of their own Blues Panel.

Facetiae



FROM THE FANS

Dear Mr Facetiae,
I am a member of the University Council and I resent the remarks made about people with an intelligence level close to mine (i.e. borderline/feeble-minded). We do the best we can although I must admit that all I come out of meetings thinking about is fluoridation, the harbour bridge, or some dirty jokes told by someone whose name would best be left unsaid. Please remember that we are trying hard to solve the site problem, but cannot decide WHAT sight the University has recommended — of course, having the I.Q.'s we have, we are incapable of much imaginative discourse — in other words we have no FORESIGHT. So stop those intelligent remarks or else,
Pro Sito Complexo Non.

Sir,
The situation must be remedied. This University has over 300 students, and nearly fifty are non-apathetic. This sort of thing must not be allowed to go on. Before long, there will, by subtle and cunning infiltration and suggestion, be 100 non-apathetic students, and finally we'll find ourselves surrounded by them.

In order to combat this menace I am starting an Apathetic Club. It is hoped that as many apathetic students as possible will rally round.

Yours apathetically,
Oswald Greengage.

P.S. I attempted to found a similar club last year, but at the inaugural meeting, no-one turned up.

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AU. BLUES

1958—

Athletics—Barry Robinson, Ngaire Westbury, Pat Moffitt.

Women's Cricket—Anne Skinner.

Defence Rifles—Dave Hoyle.

Rowing—Brian Williams.

Swimming—Graham Leach.

Water Polo—Graham Leach.

Tennis—Brian Woolf, Robert Wory, Jill Glennie.

Cricket—John Sparling, Michael McElroy, Brian Wood.

1957—

Indoor Basketball—Ron Player, Peter Doogue, Judy Johnson.

Rowing—Mary Chamberlain, Mary Freeman, Marie Lawton, Margaret Weatherly.

Boxing—Roger Carlton.

1956—

Athletics—Judy Johnson, Murray Jeffries.

CLUBS & SOCIETIES

HISTORY?

Strange things in odd places — that's how some people choose to spend their holidays, and thus the Historical Society chose to send its reading party into seclusion in the Waitakeres.

Lord Radcliffe's the 'Problem of Power' was the book under discussion and it certainly managed to provoke plenty of violent comment (flippant remarks to the tune of 'Ask the State Hydro Department' at various intervals, being, of course, ignored).

This led inevitably to the battle of the Christians and the Atheists (this being resolved in a wood-chopping contest, when a certain well-known member of the History Department became the Devil's Advocate); Socialists and Conservatives, which finally had to be settled by formal debate (Socialists won) and several other related topics.

Lord of Recreation, Student Chairman John Young arranged several very energetic hikes which produced as much enthusiasm as the discussions.

With Dr Parnaby as chief Organiser and Mr Mandle helping guide the discussions it could hardly be anything but a highly successful three days.

The Renaissance of the Historical Society since its disappearance in 1950 is away to a flying start and if the interest, enthusiasm and ideas that were apparent at the Reading Party keep flowing, it might well become one of the most active societies round Varsity.

LATENT TALENT

The gathering at last Manuscript Evening was a little too large to be described as select but culture nevertheless flourishes abundantly. Brian Kennedy at whose house the meeting was held read the only short story, a revelation of the staff life that is lived below the placid surface of this fair city; many of the younger members were profoundly shocked at this powerful exposee.

Other original work brought to light for the first time included a story by Peter Watson in which imagery and symbolism was wreathed and sinuously intertwined; the hole flickered in the ghastly chiaroscuro of deaths head shadow. Fragments from Boudclaire and a very promising study of mental derangement completed the evenings contributions. Ah. No . . . How could I be so forgetful . . . Mr Richards read one of his creations in his inimitable vein of light whimsicality which can be at once modulated and pungent. This ended the evening on a most satisfying note.

HARRIER CLUB PROGRAMME

At the A.G.M. of the Harrier Club, the following officers were elected:

Patron: Mr H. Maslen.

President: Mr L. C. Barker.

Vice-Presidents: Mesdames Hogben and Barker; Messrs Hogben, Packard, Thompson, Collins, Smith, Rawnsley, Aimer, Claridge, Travers, Davis.

Club Captain: P. Andrews.

Vice-Captain: W. Robertson.

Secretary-Treasurer: R. Shaw.

Committee: G. Riddiford, M. Macky, M. Tizard, G. Naish.

Programme for the year:

May

31—Home of Rod Claridge.

June

7—Owairaka Handicap Cross-Country.

14—Pack run with the Owairaka Club.

21—Ardmore.

28—Hut weekend.

July

5—Home of Peter Aimer.

12—5 and 10 men teams race.

19—Club Championships.

26—Auckland C.C. Championships.

August

2—Home of Mr H. Maslen.

9—Tournament.

16—N.Z. Cross Country Championships.

23—Great Eastern.

September

6—Round the Harbour relay.

13—Onehunga-Auckland Road Race.

20—Waipu-Whangarei relay.

27—Auckland Road Championships.

Notices concerning times, and entries, will be posted up on the Club's notice-board in the cloisters.

MUSIC CLUB IN EVIDENCE

Once again, the Music Club is presenting a series of lunch-hour concerts in the University Hall. These concerts were very successful last year, and it is hoped to set an even higher standard in the forthcoming series. Tentative programmes include:

An Orchestral Concert (by the University Orchestra)

A Pre-Bach Concert

A Schubert Programme

Menotti's "The Telephone"

etc.

Dates for the concerts are weekly from June 13th until July 4th, and again from July 18th to August 8th. The concerts will be given in the Hall, and will start at 1 p.m. Don't be late.

A Career in the R.N.Z.A.F.

The R.N.Z.A.F. require a limited number of young officers for flying appointments each year. It might interest students who are leaving University to hear what the Air Force has to offer.

If anyone is interested, contact Squadron Leader Fitzwater at the Northern Area Recruiting and Reserve Centre, P.O. Box 330, Auckland, or 'phone 34-160 between the hours of 8.30 and 4.30 p.m.