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ASIA NOW . . .

BACKGROUND TO INDO-CHINA

By Ormond Wilson

GENEVA has not resolved any of the conflicts underlying the war in Indo-China, because they are not the sort of issues to which a conference can find an answer. The objective of the Geneva conference was to bring the fighting to an end; that it has done this, and so removed one of the flash-points for world war, has been our main concern. But for the people of Indo-China, and of Korea, the problem still remains.

We on our side of the fence look at these wars from the point of view of their potential danger to us, and their possible threat to our security. But they started as local conflicts, over internal issues. The fact that we became involved in them, and thereby risked their setting off a general war, was due to our deliberate decision to intervene: the decision, in Korea, of the United States, with the subsequent backing of a majority of the United Nations; in Indo-China, of France, with, since 1950, American support. Whether, in either case, the action of the Western powers was justified, either on grounds of law or of military security, is a matter of debate. The emphasis, in both cases, was at first on the legal aspect, and the need to maintain the rule of law; latterly the argument has veered round to our military and strategic security.

The majority of Koreans and Indo-Chinese, and of Asiatic peoples generally, have seen the wars in quite a different light. To them they have been civil wars, in which the issues were political, social and economic. On the one side were ranged the forces of revolution, on the other those of reaction. In Indo-China it seems clear that without French intervention the Viet Minh would have long ago become the established government of the greater part, if not the whole, of Indo-China. As the only organised resistance movement under Japanese occupation it had in fact, at the end of the war, become the effective government, and was recognised as such by the allies. The complicated and unsavoury story of the break-down of negotiations between Ho Chi Minh and the French for the settlement of their future relations reflect little credit on the French. Had British policy in India been followed by France, these relations would certainly not have been worse than they are now, and they might well have been as mutually satisfactory as those between Britain and India. In any case, a tragic and useless war would have been avoided.

This, however, is not to say that without the intervention of the French there would have been no bloodshed in Indo-China. Civil war was almost inevitable, as it was also in Korea, even without the artificial frontier there. Indeed, the basic conflict in both countries, as in China, has been an internal one, a conflict of interest, classes and ideologies. It is internal in the sense that the opposing groups belong to the same race and nation, and those who seek change as well as those who oppose it are thinking in terms of their own society. On the other hand these conflicts are international, or at least Asian, in the sense that similar clashes in more or less clearly defined form are occurring throughout the East.

Paradoxically, it is the West which has inspired the revolutionary forces of Asia, both in the broadest sense and in the specific character of the movements. Not only did the West bring to Asia its conception of political and social reform, but the pre-

sent leaders of Asian revolution, including Ho Chi Minh, were educated in Europe and acquired most of their ideas from the study of, and association with, the radical movement of Europe. And if some of these, again including Ho Chi Minh, took their advanced training, so to speak, in Russia, the Russian revolution in its turn had been directly inspired by Western thought, and its original leaders by their Western contacts and experience.

REVOLT AGAINST WEST

But Asian revolution has not been merely a matter of the acceptance of Western ideas, or of Western ideas transmuted by Russian experience. It has also been a revolt against the West. This is again especially the case of Indo-China. The civil war there was simultaneously a war against French colonialism. One lesson of Indo-China is that the West has no longer the strength or the will to enforce its nineteenth century domination over Asia, and the question is not whether it can retain control, but only how and when it will surrender its power.

The answer to these questions are now, disastrously, confused by another and basically quite extrinsic issue: the conflict between the West and Communism, or, more accurately, the struggle between the U.S.A. and the U.S.S.R. This issue cannot possibly be resolved by war in Indo-China or Korea, any more than it could be settled by conference at Berlin or Geneva. Whether or not it eventually leads to a titanic struggle, embroiling most of the rest of the world, we cannot escape the fact that it will be with us, and will dominate the political scene, for years to come—probably, on present showing, for at least a generation.

NATURAL CAUSES

It was natural, if not inevitable, that the revolutionary movements of Asia in the thirties and forties should look to Communism for their pattern and inspiration. Beside the vast upheaval in Russia, the changes brought about by Social Democrats in Western Europe were insignificant. In any case, what Asian people wanted was not economic and con-

stitutional reform by democratic procedures—this was in most instances quite meaningless—but drastic and swift action to overthrow the exploiting landowners and money-lenders, and to end their age old poverty and degradation. Western ideas had shown the possibility of a different sort of society; Russian experience had shown how it could be brought about. The surprising thing is not that Communism is widespread in Asia, but that it is not more so. The absence of Western political freedom under Communism means nothing to millions who have never

known it, while the facts that in Russia the feudal landlords and capitalist owners have been overthrown, that illiteracy has been abolished, that industrialisation has proceeded at an ever-increasing pace, and that the standard of living of the mass of the people has leaped ahead, these are what have counted in the eyes of the Asian peoples. I remember before the war meeting an Indian in Moscow. What struck him was not the drabness and the poverty, but the wealth and progress. The British, he said, had been in India for two centuries and had achieved nothing compared with the changes the Bolsheviks had brought about in two decades.

Nevertheless, the Communist movements in China and Indo-China followed distinctive policies of their own. In North Korea, under direct Russian control the situation was different, and the pattern was no doubt imposed from without, as it was in Eastern Europe. But it was neither the Red Army nor Russian backing which brought success to the Communists in China and Indo-

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Home Tournament Shows Good Prospects

THE fever of a home Winter Tournament, always a big event in the life of the University, is fanned this year by our very reasonable hope of winning the Tournament Shield, which we narrowly missed last year. Our teams are playing on home grounds and this, combined with the high calibre of many of our teams, seems to ensure our success in our own city.

Our Soccer team has a good percentage of senior players and although Alan Preston is away with the touring New Zealand team, the team are the logical winners of this section of Tournament.

The table tennis team, which was unluckily beaten last year, have an even stronger team this year with the inclusion of Tony Darroch, a Wellington representative, and Viv Fleming, who has played consistently well in three N.Z.U. Tournaments. Playing in conditions far superior to those of Auckland, and with experience of these tables, recognised by the table tennis authorities as the best available, V.U.C. will be right amongst them when the final points are awarded.

The harrier team also won last year and the manner in which the Harrier Club has continued to gather trophies, we feel certain that they will again be successful. Graeme Stevens and Dick Gilbert are in the top flight of Wellington harriers and either of these two should be first across the line. The rest of the team, Beaglehole, Truebridge, Joyce and Gow, are all consistent runners who gained for the Club the coveted Masterton Relay Trophy. Most of the team are familiar with the Packakarihi course and with the advantage of two highly successful seasons behind them they hope to add another trophy to their sizeable collection.

The shooting team, a trifle lucky last year, may possibly gain a few points for Tournament Shield. Walter Iles and Brian Bradburn were in last

year's successful team and with a large piece of luck and some good shooting we may end up with a place.

Golf in its first year as an official Sport of Tournament, will be played on a championship standard Hutt course. Barry Boon may well be favoured for the men's singles and, playing at the Hutt, which is probably a second home to these V.U.C. boys, the team should easily win this sport.

The men's hockey team have a very heavy programme as the Australian Universities tour is on at the same time. The team is better than it has been in previous years but so also are those of the other Colleges. The prospects could be brighter.

The fencers have a balanced team with veteran Free as top man. The club has seen better days but this, too, may gain a few points which may make the difference between winning or losing Tournament.

Women's hockey is not expected to work wonders nor is the women's basketball team. They may topple some team, however, to give us a much needed point.

On the whole our prospects are good. But there are so many factors which affect the final result that once again we could easily be an also ran.

However, we will move with the excited optimism of the College. Home Tournaments are big events and if the enthusiasm and pandemonium of a Home Tournament can assist we will be far ahead of any other College.

Salient

ON N.Z.U.S.A. . .

The recent attempt by the Sydney S.R.C. to disaffiliate from N.U.A.U.S. and the discontent in the University of Queensland at the policy of N.U.A.U.S. tempts us to consider N.Z.U.S.A. with a critical eye. Ian Nicholson, President of N.U.A.U.S., in his report to his Union of the Easter Council meeting made several important criticisms: important because N.Z.U.S.A. should set its own house in order before considering international student politics. On the question of bursaries, it is evident that something is wrong somewhere. N.Z.U.S.A. have taken up a bursary policy without sufficient consideration of the implications of that policy; it would appear that no College is firmly behind the present proposals, and the only effect that the recent submissions have had is to draw the attention of Powers That Be to the unsatisfactory distribution and emolument ceilings of the existing bursaries. The merits and demerits of the present system do not appear to have been considered at any stage by N.Z.U.S.A. We suggest that N.Z.U.S.A. undertake a detailed investigation of the matter and thus they may be at some future date in a position to present a more convincing case to Parliament.

THE CINDERELLA OF THE UNIVERSITY COLLEGES WELCOMES HER UGLY SISTERS

Elsewhere there are various sedate welcomes to visiting teams. We have no grounds, we have a vast number of temporary buildings, a Students' Association clad only in the rags of her gymnasium. We have however, a magnificent football team, a lot of promises and even more spirits. We were, in fact, begotten by an Act of Parliament, which accidentally connects us with the city of Wellington. We are an uncared-for offspring and have at times terrified the sedate city which deigned to give us birth. We have been painted all colours but red appears to be the only colour that the informed citizens cannot paint over. We came of age five years ago. Relations with the city and the gentry are non-existent. There are many factors contributing to this static state of affairs: constant lack of liaison between the City Fathers and the Executive result in sporadic flurries between us: it is partly our fault but we have not yet realised that.

This then is Victoria the heroine: still in distress, yours for a week.

—B. C. SHAW.

Three Letters To The Editor Why Fear?

The Editor,
"Salient"

DEAR SIR, The review by H. S. Commager, which was your front page article last issue, was a competent account of the dangers of McCarthyism, but it was at least curious that an historian should ask how it happens that so many Americans are "consumed with fear" at the present time. Mr. Commager should not set up as an historian if he does not understand that most people are frightened of nuclear weapons, and of the Soviet.

The fear of such liberals as Mr. Commager for civil freedom is admirable, and his question, How can we safeguard our liberties, is one of the most important for any State.

However, it is only half the relevant question. He should be asking, How can we safeguard our liberties while safeguarding the State? His bland ignoring of the fact that the nation itself is in danger from several sources makes his plea for liberty less impressive than a more realistic approach would be.

It is, of course, extraordinarily difficult to guarantee individual freedom in a time of crisis; and it is this problem which should preoccupy the scholar. We should remember that an hysteria about the danger to individual liberty is at least as dangerous as an hysteria about danger to the State. I am, etc.,

P. M. BURNS

I, THE JUDGE

RUMOUR has it that V.U.C. will soon have its own Mickey Spillane. A number of well-known sources state that J. G. ("Sweaty") Hutchison has been working day and night (mostly night) on the scenario of his new, satirical thriller

And Now, Sir . . .

The Editor,
"Salient"

DEAR SIR, I thought for a while that your worthy predecessor had broken four minutes, and that the record he set for ill-informed and childish editorial comment, with his verdict on Indo-China and his reply to David Scott's letter, would stand for many years. But we have a Landy, and it is you, Sir, with your observations on accrediting.

"It is well agreed," you write. Who agrees the Senate Entrance Committee, the four Professors of Education, the ill-informed public, or some headmasters too lazy to make the effort accrediting requires of them? You wouldn't be trying to bulldoze us into agreement? The universities are not overcrowded because there is accrediting, it is, believe it or not, because no new buildings have been put up for over twenty years. Your assertion that accrediting "means generally a major lowering of the entrance standard" is completely untrue. Have you not taken the trouble to look up the relevant facts or are you deliberately trying to mislead the reader. I would quote from an address prepared by Dr. J. Williams for the 1953 Congress of Universities of the Commonwealth and printed in the New Zealand University Journal, Vol. 2, No. 1. "The operation of the new system (accrediting) has been twice considered by University Committees, in 1950 by a committee set up by the Senate and in this current year, by a committee appointed by the Academic Board. Each committee reported that there was no evidence to show that accrediting had lowered the standard of entrance to the University. Possibly, indeed, the contrary may be the case." Perhaps it should be explained to these gentlemen that the Editor does not agree.

I am not attempting to say that accrediting is perfect and that exams have no merit at all. It is my

impression that the only way of judging the average person's capacity for benefiting by university study is to try it and see but, I would hasten to repeat, that is only my impression.

I am not attempting to deny you or anyone else the right to express their opinions, but I would implore you, Sir, to make an attempt to base your assertions on facts. If you have not time to look up those facts, keeping quiet is not a bad policy.—I am, etc.,

T. H. BEAGLEHOLE.

AND ANOTHER . . .

The Editor,
"Salient"

DEAR SIR, —The new Editor chose as his first editorial a subject which is of vital interest to all concerned with University education. It is a pity that the excellent choice of subject was not matched by the complete knowledge of it.

Where the Editor states "the Universities must, in principle, be open without distinction to all persons having an intellectual vocation and the capacities necessary for its fulfilment," I could not agree more. But unfortunately he then sets out to attack entrance to the University by accrediting. He makes the astonishing statement that "It is well agreed at this stage that the system of accrediting for University entrance should be abolished." If it is, by whom? Certainly not the Minister of Education, the University of New Zealand Senate, the Director of Education, Dr. C. E. Beechey, the Vice-Chancellor of the University, Dr. Currie, the Victoria College Council, the Secondary Schools Association, to mention but a few.

Again, I agree with the Editor that, "the Universities are already hopelessly overcrowded," but this is due rather to the increase in the birthrate of the country since the Universities were built, than to accrediting.

The Committee set up in 1950 to investigate the effects of accrediting under the Chairmanship of Professor I. A. Gordon, found that the percentage increase of students coming to the Universities was no greater than under the old regulations of entrance. Also, that the accredited students on the whole were as good, if not better, students than those who sat and passed matriculation. The committee recommended the continuation of accrediting.

There is certainly room for rethinking the whole question of entrance and the effects on the future University education. It will not be helped by rash generalisations, based on insufficient knowledge, and at times no knowledge at all. —I am, etc.,

"BRUTUS"

(I did not state that overcrowding of the Universities was due to accrediting; accrediting is the better of two imperfect Entrance systems but "has not fulfilled the purpose for which it was intended" for a number of reasons, one of which is the number of abuses to which it is open and the varying standards; the present system should either be improved upon or replaced by a more objective system; there is not one shred of evidence in either the Senate's report (a very protracted affair) of 1949 or the report of the Academic Board's subcommittee of last year to suggest

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FIRST STEPS TOWARDS V.U.C. HEALTH SCHEME

ARISING from the motion at the 1953 August Council Meeting of N.Z.U.S.A., Des Dalgety presented a report on the desirability of Student Health Schemes to the Easter meeting and, following that, all College Councils, in Colleges where there was no health scheme, were asked to investigate the matter. The preliminary investigation at Victoria was recently completed by a sub-committee of the Council, consisting of Drs. Stout and Lynch, Dr. Williams and the student representative, Mr. M. J. O'Brien. The last meeting of the Council adopted most of the sub-committee's recommendations.

The daily Press reports may have led some people to think that a full medical scheme will be forthwith implemented at Victoria or that the essence of such a scheme is a compulsory or voluntary examination on entry to the University. Both of these conclusions are incorrect. In the first place, nothing in the way of a full scheme can be implemented at V.U.C. until there is accommodation available to provide some sort of waiting and consulting rooms for the medical officer. Those facilities are just not available at the moment. However, the Council has in mind to seek finance to obtain suitable premises when they become available.

The second conclusion is also incorrect because the preliminary examination is only a small, and not necessarily essential, part of a medical scheme. The sub-committee felt that this examination would provide some incentive to encourage students to think of their health problems and that, in the event of a medical officer being appointed, he would have material on which to analyse trends in student health as well as have the necessary records for consultations when students later came to him. Each freshman student will be asked, but not compelled, to supply a medical report and a chest X-ray on entering the University. The form to be completed by the student's medical practitioner (paid for by Social Security) would be one supplied by the College. The Council will proceed with this recommendation whether or not the other recommendations can be implemented in the near future.

Eventually, the Council proposes that a medical officer be appointed, that he attend in the University in a part-time capacity for such periods as may be agreed on, and that he be paid on the basis of a payment for session of attendance. His salary, and that of any nurse-receptionist, would be met from a contribution from the Social Security General Medical Services Fund. From this, it is likely that a per capita contribution of £1 for each person enrolled in the scheme would be made.

DUTIES OF M.O.

The duties of any medical officer would be to provide preventive services, limited general practitioner services, and services connected with the mental health of students. He would co-operate with the Physical Education Officer and the staff in these matters.

This is a brief outline of what is proposed at this College. What has next to be done is to obtain Health Department approval for the scheme and to endeavour to get finance assured both for the provision of a medical officer and for the facilities that he would need. For the first time since health schemes were first mooted at this College over 10 years ago, there is now a chance that something might be done. Students should be encouraged to take advantage of the service if and when it comes and, in the meantime, should encourage all freshmen from next year on to present a medical report as requested by the College.

VICTORIA'S VALIANTS

BADMINTON

THE Badminton team this year is substantially of the same strength as the team which won the unofficial tournament at Auckland last year, and they have a very good chance of winning again this year.

Jim Thompson, Graham Russell, and Larry O'Neill are all A Grade players in Wellington, and have distinguished themselves this year by fine performances against the province's best. Jim and Larry played for V.U.C. at Auckland last year, and were both selected for the N.Z.U. team. The other man, John Morrison, is a strong B Grade player who should be extremely hard to beat in the fourth position.

Colleen Nansett is also an A Grade player who will be very hard to beat. The other lady's position has not yet been finalised.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

FORWARDS—

Barbara Little—one of the most experienced players in the team and among the top scorers in club games. This is her third season in V.U.C. Club, and before that she played in the Hutt Valley, but has not been available for previous Tournaments.

Judith Davenport—first year player and exceedingly promising, who has made the grade for Wellington Junior Rejs. this year. A high scorer both at practice and in club games.

Betty Beuseley—has been playing more or less seriously since 1947 but this is her first year for V.U.C. As yet an unknown quantity liable to get squashed among the giants.

Judy Allen—third year in the Club and third tournament. Captain of the B team this year.

GUARDS—

Judith Kilby—an old tournament personality—this is her third. Tournament playing in the Wellington Senior B rejs this year has much improved her play. Judy is guarding well and can even cut a dash if she concentrates.

June Lee—is playing in Tournament team for the second time but is now back among the guards. She plays exceedingly well on occasions.

Hazel Blick—first year in the V.U.C. Club, having transferred from C.U.C. Played in N.Z.U. team 1951, 1952, 1953 and last year captained both Canterbury Senior B rejs. and the South Island B rejs. This year Hazel is captaining the V.U.C. team and playing in the Wellington Senior B rejs. However, she is seldom on the court.

Anne Couling—another first year player who is well known in outdoor basketball circles. She is improving rapidly but needs more practice and less smoking on the court.

Margaret Hunt—has been playing for the club three years and this is her second Tournament. An active and versatile player whose motto is "Better Late than Never."

As a team we are playing better basketball than in previous years mainly because we are up to Senior B grade this season and getting more experience against better teams. Our combination and guarding particularly have improved and although we have no expectations of winning the S. G. Holland Shield we are always ready for a good fight and not likely to let the V.U.C. record down.

MEN'S HOCKEY

Murray Humphries will be in goal, the position is new to him but he is shaping well; right-half Tournament last year; he is determined and vigorous. David Fitzgerald will be at right back; he has been a Tournament campaigner for several years; he is playing very well and we expect him to be to the fore when the N.Z.U. team is selected.

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Bruce Bornholdt will probably play at left back. Tournament is a new venture for Bruce who attended the Easter coaching school; he has been playing particularly well during the season.

Keith Beresford—right half; he represented Wairarapa for the previous two seasons; he has been playing steady hockey in championship play. Bob Calkin—centre half, N.Z.U. team 1953. He is in the process of building up a reputation as a representative player for Wellington. Neville Compton—left half. Member 1950 N.Z.U. team, 1952 N.Z.U. team v. Australian Universities. Brian Rickard—right wing; his first Varsity tournament and if he maintains his present club form his selection for N.Z.U. would not be surprising.

Graeme Coates—right inside; goalkeeper for the touring N.Z.U. team; his clever stickwork and eye for an opening should stand him in good stead during the Tournament. Chie Hamblly—either left inside or left wing; he is also building up a reputation as representative; his club play has been steady.

Laurie Gaffield will be the jack of all trades as far as the Victoria team goes. He will play at centre forward and left back and possibly centre half. He has an impressive representative record both for the province and N.Z.U.; he will undoubtedly be somewhere in the team that contests the Tests; Probable leader of the Vic team during Tournament. George Oaks will probably play at left inside and centre forward. George is an old tournament campaigner, N.Z.U. teams 1951, 1953. A probable for the N.Z.U. team.

Don Matheson will probably play at inside left and left wing. This is Don's first Tournament; he has been a prominent member of the Wellington Col's team; he is expected to fit very well and will gain valuable experience. George Wickham can be expected to play in any position on the right side of the field. George has been a Massey stalwart at the last three Tournaments.

MINIATURE RIFLES

THE shooting team this year is relatively inexperienced as only two members of the team have previously shot in Winter Tournament. However it would appear that the other colleges are in much the same position and we do not expect to see the Plunkit Shield back in the showcase after Tournament, even though the members of the team have been rather inconsistent to date.

There have been some patches of very good shooting and if the members of the team can settle down there is every chance that we will retain the L.C.I. Shield.

The team is: W. ILES, R. J. BRADBURN, J. L. MANSELL, R. A. PATSON, J. B. WILLIAMSON.

PIANISM AS A SPORT

Tournament officials may take note of the following suggestion: that teams of pianists from all Colleges should compete in the Tournament Competition, all playing the same test piece (say 120 bars)—times to be taken by stop-watch.

NOTE: The world's fastest pianist today is Horowitz, who recently set a new record of 1724.3 notes per minute.

GOLF

In this important first official N.Z.U. Tournament, V.U.C. will be represented by B. R. Boon, H. R. Carver, G. W. Blathwayt and G. Craighead. This is the strongest team we have had since 1947 when V.U.C. romped home in the Tournament held that year on the Hutt golf links.

This year's team will be led by Barry Boon, on a three handicap. He is one of the most experienced golfers competing in the Tournament. He has played in the last two N.Z.U. golf tourneys and performed with distinction in both. Last September he won the under-21 Wellington title at Heretaunga from a strong field drawn from both islands.

Graham Craighead is yet another Hutt member, with an extensive knowledge of the course. He will undoubtedly prove a reliable No. 4, when he represents V.U.C. for the first time. He has had experience in local tournaments, and played well at Heretaunga last year in the Wellington under 21 championships. Like Blathwayt he has a dour temperament ideally suited to the strain of medal play, and his presence will add solidarity to the local team.

SOCCER

Although this year's team is without Alan Preston, who is touring Australia with the New Zealand Soccer team, it is nonetheless very strong. With five regular senior players in the team and with the rest playing good football Victoria's team should be one of the hardest to beat.

B. Aldridge—Bill has been a real stalwart in the senior team this year, displaying a keen appreciation of football far beyond his meagre 20 years. N.Z.U. team 1952, 1953.

B. Reddy, right half, a regular member of the V.U.C.'s first eleven for several years. He represented N.Z.U. last year and is a V.U.C. Blue. He always plays well and his long experience will be a great asset to the team.

D. Radney, a very fast and fit player who has been playing good football for the senior team this year. Vice-captain N.Z.U. team 1953.

J. Phillips, centre-forward, has tons of speed and excellent ball control, with an average of two goals a match; his first tourney.

J. Parsons, inside forward, has had experience in England and his positional play and ball control are beyond reproach; his first year at V.U.C.

B. Millward, half-back, who is solid on attack and defence. Played for V.U.C. last year.

S. George, full-back, a consistent and reliable player with senior experience; his first Tournament.

S. Singh, right wing, has speed and a good centre.

H. Eastgate, inside forward, is a tricky and intelligent player; his first year at Vic.

C. McCann, wing forward, has a strong cross kick and takes every opportunity to score. Hard man to mark.

D. Holland, forward, N. Tichbon, fullback, and R. Love, goalkeeper, have all been playing good football in our reserve side and we are confident that they will be well up to best Tournament standard. They are all playing in their first Tournament.

The goal-keeping position will be well looked after and the full-backs are both solid on defence with good clearing kicks. The half-back line will be very strong, all three players having well above average ability. The forwards will be fast and should combine well among themselves and with the half-backs.

After retaining the Shield last year away from home, we should manage to keep it at V.U.C. for another year.

MEN'S INDOOR BASKETBALL

With all but one of the A team available for Tournament and with two reliable players from the B team prospects appear to be very healthy. The team has been playing steady basketball all season and at present their only serious rivals appear to be Otago.

Coached by Alan Clark, former N.Z.U. and Otago representative, the team will be Peter Darracott, a fast penetrating centre. O.U. 1952-53. N.Z.U. B team, 1952; Wellington B team 1954. Ernie Henry, an aggressive guard with fine anticipation and ball control. Wellington B's 53-54. Jim Lewis a forward who will exploit the opposition's weaknesses; always dangerous. Wellington B team 1954.

John McLevie, a safe high-jumping guard who always ensures a solid defence. V.U.C. Blue '53. V.U.C. B team '53, Wellington B '54.

Ralph Salt, a fast-breaking left shoot. V.U.C. '53, Wellington B '53, Wellington A '54. N.Z.U. A team 1953, V.U.C. Blue '53.

Ron Whatu, forward, extremely accurate with his set shots. Wellington B team '53-54. The two players from the B team are Peter Deogre, a tall, rangy player, who is developing into an excellent guard, and Ross Nelson, a dependable forward with an abundance of energy. V.U.C. 1952-3-4.

If the team plays as well as it did in beating M.A.C. this year we have every chance of winning.

TABLE TENNIS

THIS year's team is the strongest (on paper) that Victoria has ever fielded. Its prospects for Tournament appear to be very bright. Our two top players, TONY DARROCH and ALAN ROBINSON, have a large amount of match and tournament experience behind them. Both have played A grade for the last three seasons and there is nothing to pick between them. Tony is a Wellington representative this year for the third season running. He is a left hand attacker who hits hard from both wings. Alan has achieved considerable success in tournament play during the last four seasons. He was a finalist, Tournament '53, and won the Waingapu men's singles last year.

Rod Grubi and Rudy Woods, the third and fourth members of the team, are by no means overshadowed. They will be hard to beat, either in singles or together in the doubles. Both are predominantly defensive players.

The girls, Viv Fleming and Elizabeth Leaser are expected to win the women's doubles and combined doubles. Both have done very well in the singles in past Tournaments and we hope that they will surpass themselves this year.

SOIREE MUSICALE

CORRECT AND BEAUTIFUL. Two fine brackets of French and English madrigals were presented by the Madrigal Group at the Music Society's recent Soiree Musicale. The eight singers have reached a very high standard; they sang on pitch and in rhythm, their voices brilliant and their pianissimos vibrant. If there is a madrigal group in New Zealand worth recording, this is it. Watch for the N.Z.B.S. talent scout!

NOBLE SONORITY. Four le premiere fois—a double-bass recital! Vic. music pundits were pleased to hear a Marcello sonata played by John McNeilly. At times the extreme lowness of the instrument seemed almost divorced from the accompanying piano, sounding like two different pieces.

Neil MacKenzie, Kapellmeister of the Early Music Group, invested his performances with an atmosphere of secrecy that was irresistibly droll.

AUCKLAND'S 'ARD-BOILED FENCING

THIS year we will be sending moderately strong teams to the Winter Tournament. The Men's team is made up by:—

R. M. Patterson—a very experienced fencer who has competed in several provincial tournaments. He has been runner-up in the Sabre Section.

S. N. Chan—a very good fencer, who won the Junior Provincial Tournament, was placed third in the Senior, and who gained an Auckland Blue in 1953.

S. Fong and J. French—both of whom are competing in their first tournament.

The Women's Team will consist of: P. Lusk—she has previously competed for Otago University. She gained a N.Z.U. Blue in 1954, and represented N.Z.U. against Auckland last year.

J. Hamilton represented A.U.C. last year.

J. Broker—emergency for A.U.C. last year.

M. Thompson—competing in her first tournament.

TABLE TENNIS

The tournament team is made up by:—

G. Gardiner (capt.), M. Robinson, J. Rogers, E. Sang, Miss P. Harrop, Miss P. McKenzie.

Once again the table tennis team will field a strong side. The team is very even in strength and should have a good chance of emulating last year's champion team.

Amongst the women Miss P. McKenzie has proved herself at tournament before and Miss Harrop is a promising newcomer who should acquit herself well at her first effort.

The men have all had experience in the Auckland A Grade competition and impress as a strong and well-balanced combination. G. Gardiner is showing the form that won him the A.U.C. title last season, while M. Robinson is the most improved player in the A Grade side and has put up some good performances against leading Auckland players this season.

J. ROGERS, who has been a regular competitor at Tournament for several years, being in last year's champion side, is again displaying good form this season. E. SANG is another member of last year's side and is again playing with marked consistency.

GOLF

Auckland is once more strongly represented in Golf. The team which has been successful for the past four years is once again selected and there appears to be little chance of their defeat in teams events. The winner of the Championship is once again open with reigning champion Zohrab (O.U.), Penlington (C.U.C.), Boon (V.U.C.), and Leo Pointon, Kevin Treacy, Brian Treacy, and Bernie Coyle from A.U.C. all being strong contenders. In addition to these four, Auckland is sending some individuals who, while not eligible to earn points for Tournament, could upset the other Colleges. These are Trevor Coxon, Graham Revell, Neil Murray, Don Ellison and Tono Pemberton.

The records of the official team are:—L. D. Pointon—Team captain, on a two handicap. No. 1 player for the Maungakiekie Club's A Pennant team. A.U.C. representative since 1950. A.U.C. Blue 1951, 1952, 1953. N.Z.U. Blue 1951, 1953. Winner N.Z.U. Championship, 1951; semi-finalist 1953.

K. J. Treacy—two handicap player; No. 5 player for Akarana A Pennant team. A.U.C. team since 1951.

A.U.C. Blue 1951, 1953. N.Z.U. Blue 1952, 1953. Winner N.Z.U. Championship 1952; runner-up 1953. Runner-up long-driving Championship, 1952, 1953.

E. B. Treacy—two handicap player. Has represented A.U.C. for several years, and has gained a number of Blues from A.U.C. and N.Z.U. Has won a number of open tournaments.

B. A. Coyle—an Auckland Pennant player on a two handicap. Has represented A.U.C. for several years, and gained one O.U.C. Blue.

MEN'S HOCKEY

The Tournament team is a blending of old and new material, including six of this year's senior side.

On a firm field, they should be able to hold their own against all except the Australian Universities' touring team, which will be competing at the sixth tournament team.

The standard of play and competition should be the highest.

The team:—
Ron Mayhill (capt) Auckland Representative, 1954; N.Z.U. 1948-50-52.

Bruce Buxton—N.Z.U. 1951.
Graham Buxton—Auckland Representative 1950-52-53. N.Z.U. 1949-50-51. Blue 1953.

Peter Clapham—A.U.C. 1952-53.
Bruce Duder—A.U.C. 1952-53.

Rex Forbes—a promising forward from Gisborne.

Dave Goldsmith—South Island Representative 1953. N.Z.U. Blue 1953.

Dave Goodrich—a promising junior.

Lloyd Loue an ex-Manawatu player.

Bruce McAdam an unknown frequency.

Ken Nicholson was captain for The Rest of N.Z. in 1950. Auckland Representative 1950-54. N.Z.U. Blue 1949-51.

Ted Perelval a promising import from Wellington.

Bill Teesdale playing in his first Tournament.

SOCCKER

The 1954 Tournament team is little different from that of last year. Lou Bobb, Kevin Sang and Phil Viskovic are the only true newcomers. These players fill the positions of right wing, centre forward and left half respectively.

Lou, a former senior Thistle player, is a very speedy forward and easily the cleverest in the team. At centre forward, Kevin is our "find" for the season. Originally a half back, he settled down as right wing, but after a reshuffle of the team, he was found to possess great goal-scoring ability from the centre. Already with only two games at his new position he has scored five goals. Last season's centre half for the Auckland Grammar First, burley PHIL VISKOVIC is a staunch player in the defence line.

Ian Hart at left fullback fills the vacancy left by Merv Rosser (unable to attend Tournament). Ian captains the Varsity third grade team and consequently in the position he is a sound player. For Phil Painter and Graham Walbran last year's Tournament was their first. Phil is the pivot and brains of the team, being both captain and centre half. At right back Graham is a hard worker.

Jim Rogers, Graeme Thornley, Gordon Hard and Warwick Elley are attending their fourth Tournament. Jim, our very capable goalie, has three times been selected for the N.Z.U. team and has twice received an Auckland Blue. At right half Graeme Thornley is a sound defender and shows plenty of speed. Inside right Gordon Hard, the team's vice-captain, is showing improved form and last year was reserve for the N.Z.U. team.

For Ron Dohig, this will be his third Tournament, and with Carl Stead will fill the position of inside left. Both are bustling players and hard workers.

Up from third grade are Bob Lusk, Nal Young and Lindsay Nash, to act as reserves.

On paper and the field, this team is as strong as ever. With the additional news that the trophy holders, V.U.C., have lost the valuable services of Alan Preston (selected as a New Zealand Representative to tour Australia) and Des Rainey, A.U.C. stands a good chance of bringing home the shield.

BADMINTON

This year's Badminton team should rank high in the Tournament. The players are S. P. Chee, D. C. Light, W. L. Hew, T. Gan, Misses R. Dickson, P. Brookings, W. Strickett and M. Heenan.

S. P. CHEE recently defeated R. Procter, the Walkato No. one. This performance puts Chee in provincial representative class, and he should prove the outstanding player of the Tourney. D. C. LIGHT was runner-up this year in the Auckland Intermediate Championships. He is a heady player who has only to iron out the weakness in his backhand to be in top class. W. L. HEW and T. GAN are two players who could give trouble to many top players.

Raewyn Dickson is the top lady, despite her relative inexperience. Raewyn has one vital attribute; a preparedness to expend the odd bit of energy when she is playing. The other three ladies, Pam Brookings, Wendy Strickett and Margaret Heenan are all hard workers, but they lack the strength of play which is so essential.

WOMEN'S HOCKEY

This year's Tournament team is an interesting one, combining young and old hands. Although last year's team did not go well at Tourney, this year, recent unexpected successes in the Senior Competition may be a foretaste of yet better things to come. Individually the team has capabilities and now at last combination and understanding is being developed.

Beverley Montgomery, on the left wing for her first Tourney, is a former Senior Reserve Representative and has a nice turn of speed. With hard working left inner Pat Franzen and centre-forward Ellice Moore, she has been prominent in several goal-resulting sorties this year. Pat, who is a fine player, turned out last year for St. Cuthbert's Old Girls, and this is therefore her first University Winter Tournament. Ellice, in her second year at Varsity, will be making her second appearance at Winter Tournament. If she gets plenty of ball, she is a dangerous and valuable forward. With more accuracy in the circle, she may receive the selector's nod.

At right-centre we are fortunate to have ex-O.U. representative and N.Z.U. Blue MARY MIDDLETON. She has very competent ball control, and already this season has chalked up many goals.

Although Tournament evergreen Bobette Clarke has only made brief appearances on the right wing this year, she is maintaining the first-class form that we saw from her last season, and should be a starter in the N.Z.U. team with a little more luck.

At left wing another ex-O.U. captain of last year's N.Z.U. team and twice an N.Z.U. Blue Norma Denman has already impressed Auckland selectors with her fine anticipation and skilful play. She has proved a strong and welcome addition to the side.

This is the third Tournament for captain Beverley Saunders at centre-half. She has once again proved to be the pivot of the team and has the ability to switch defence to attack. After being chosen for the N.Z.U. team last year, she was unfortunately not able to play owing to injury. Better luck this year, Bev.

Completing this efficient and hard-working half back line is A. V. PARKINSON. This will be her second Tournament and last year she was selected as reserve to the N.Z.U. team. This year she has received able assistance from ELIZABETH DIPROSE at left back, a newcomer to the team. Elizabeth spent several years in the First Eleven at New Plymouth Girls' High School, and is adapting herself well to the standard of play here.

At right back is Margaret Bullock, another first-timer in the team with a formidable record. Margaret has been playing excellent hockey this season, and should also stand a fair chance of gaining N.Z.U. selection.

Jennifer Lambert, who is "keeping" for the Varsity seniors for the first time, is proving a capable goalie; in coming years, with added experience and confidence, we should see great things from her.

Travelling with the team as reserves are Audrey Rudd and Solita King. Audrey is another who comes to us from the St. Cuthberts' Old Girls' eleven. She has played in the Varsity forward line several times this season and has thoroughly earned her place in the Tournament team.

Solita hails from the Solway College Senior team and is a tireless and energetic player for whom the Tournament will be a valuable experience.

Once again our sportsmen and sportswomen enter the lists in honour of their college.

Over many years, much has been written about the character building potentialities of participation in sport. Teachers' schemes all too often make much of the value of sport. Welfare workers write columns on the subject. But, looking over the reports of bad conduct on playing fields, and reading the many and varied excuses offered for the failure of a representative team to win an important engagement, one can rightly query the statement that sport builds the character.

Thus, in saying "an revolv" to our fellow students, we may rightly wish them well in their sporting engagements, but we should also wish them an enjoyable time, and hope that they partake to the full of the good fellowship which abounds at a Varsity Tournament. For it is in the broadening effect which results from meeting and talking with others that the full value of a venture of this type lies.

Good luck to them all; may they be as successful as possible, but also may they return broadened, more tolerant, in memory of the contacts and friendships they have made.

Thoughts For Today

(Especially for those in hostels.)
THE Almighty Ruler sometimes withdraws sustenance from men because of sins, but nevertheless we believe that he whom hunger kills goes to God (or the fish and chip shop) unless he was particularly sinful.

—ABBOT AELFRIC.

"... if moral disapproval of a country's internal government were traditionally considered a legitimate reason for declaring war on that country, wars would be even more frequent than they are, and that is why such disapproval is not considered a legitimate reason for declaring war. A national policy based on national self interest and an honourable adherence to treaty obligations may look selfish and legalistic, but it is less dangerous to peace than a policy based on the crusading spirit."

—IAN FLETCHER,
"Encounter," No. 8.

Ski Tournament... V.U.C. Participates

THIS year V.U.C. is sending a ski team to the Inter-University Ski Tournament, to be held at Temple Basin during the week August 15 to 20. Not since 1949 has V.U.C. sent a team.

The first Inter-University Ski Tournament was held by Lincoln College at Arthur's Pass (Temple Basin) in 1938. The first tournament after the war was held at Queenstown in 1945, and ever since then has been recognised as an annual event in "winter tournament," although points are not added to the winter tournament totals. In 1947, the North Island was represented for the first time by a team from V.U.C., and for the first time N.Z.U. Blues were awarded for skiing. In this year also, the N.Z.U. Ski Council was formed as a sub-committee of the N.Z.U. Students' Association. In addition, an Inter-University Championship Trophy, known as the Kirk Trophy, was presented in 1947 by Dr. Kirk, president of the then Otago University Ski Club.

V.U.C. was again represented in 1948 and 1949. It was in the latter year that V.U.C. excelled itself by winning the Ferrier Men's Trophy for the men's combined and downhill events. One of the club's leading skiers at that time, Malcolm Mace, was lost on the yacht "Argo" early in 1951, and it was later decided by the University Ski Council to inaugurate a "Malcolm Mace Memorial Event." C.U.C. Ski Club has purchased a trophy, and it will be awarded this year for the best men's slalom team.

C.U.C. HOSTS

C.U.C. will be the host this year. The ski events are to be held at Temple Basin near Arthur's Pass, and teams and officials will be accommodated right on the ski fields. The foot of the ski tow is nearby at 4300 feet, and has 520 feet vertical lift. The fully qualified Swiss ski instructor, George Jacometti, has been booked for the whole week, and will be available for team coaching and course setting.

The racing programme consists of ski practice on Sunday and Monday, slalom, giant slalom and downhill on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, and ski touring on Friday. The racing team consists of four men and four women, but V.U.C. will be han-

dicapped by having only two in the women's team.

Peter McGill: Is a member of Tara-rua Tramping Club and Christchurch Ski Club. As a member of the Varsity club he holds the position of club captain. He has had many years of skiing experience, especially in the Canterbury district of the South Island. He is expected to do very well in the downhill and should perform well in the slalom.

Bernie O'Shea: Like the rest of the team, is mainly a North Island skier, but has skied at Queenstown and Temple Basin. He is a member of Aorangi Ski Club and has had five seasons skiing. He is at present chairman of the Varsity club. Slalom racing will be his specialty, and a little more nerve is required in the downhill.

John Innes: An Aorangi member and gear custodian for the Varsity club. With a bit more dash he should complete the slalom course in good time.

David Harding: A newcomer to the Varsity club and a member of Tara-rua Tramping Club. He has had some skiing experience in the South Island and will be another downhill skier provided he maintains control.

Julie Tangney: Member of Wellington Tramping and Mountaineering Club and has had skiing experience on Ruapehu. It is hoped that the new grounds and different types of snow will not affect her skiing.

Margaret Taylor: Probably the least experienced in the team, but with more coaching should be able to do controlled parallels by the time the slalom is run. She is treasurer of the Varsity club this year.

As far as the other teams are concerned, Otago is probably the strongest. Otago and Canterbury are the only universities sending a full team, and consequently the first and second places will probably go to them. Lincoln and Massey are sending a men's team only, so no difficulty is expected with them.

Next year V.U.C. will probably be running the ski tournament at Ruapehu. Can we have our hut built by then?

fore in all the inter-club races this season and are continuing to improve as the season goes on. We can expect a solid race from them and quite possibly a major placing.

Tony Gow and Peter Joyce both took major placings in the B grade Provincial Championships last Saturday. Among the best road racers in Wellington they have now shown that they can also take the country in their stride. With these two to provide the punch from the rear our prospects look good.

On paper Auckland appear to be offering the strongest opposition with Canterbury not far behind.

FENCING

The V.U.C. Fencing team for Winter Tournament this year does not have, as in former years, a few outstandingly good individuals towering over the other more mediocre members—it has a more even standard of ability, and quite a high one at that—which gives a reasonable hope for Victoria's chances in this sport.

The difference in ability between the men and women fencers is much less than usual this year, for Di Fussell, Bev. Hoggard and Jo Pyne are better fencers than Victoria has had for some time in the Women's team. Confident fencing from them will add a great deal to the chances of winning the Fencing Shield.

Three out of the four men fencers have had Varsity Tournament ex-

Plunket Medal...

STANDARD HIGHER

BRUCE BROWN, speaking on Harry Holland deserved to win the Plunket Medal this year, so, for once, there were no grounds for complaint when the judges (Mrs. Z. Graham and Messrs. Leicester and Scott) awarded him the medal. It was a good sound speech, delivered in a forthright manner. Denny Garrett ran into second place with a mature but restrained speech on Oppenheimer. I thought that Denny was much more effective this year than when he last entered for the contest; at least in the sense that his delivery had a greater emotional impact than his brilliant dissection of Buckman in 1951. Melda O'Reilly in third place showed much improvement in her delivery, but her over-attention to minor details of Father Damien's life, activities, and surroundings, must have counted against her.

Of the other speakers, I preferred Graeme Hubbard and Marjorie Munroe. The former, speaking on Godley rather overplayed his subject whose difficulties with the Canterbury Association seemed scarcely sufficient to warrant such lavish treatment. His delivery, though good, tended to be a little exaggerated at times. Marjorie on the subject of George Dimitrov had an excellent delivery, but she destroyed the effect by reading her speech.

John Whittia on James Busby did not know his speech and his style was a little strained. He had some excellent material and ought to have done more with it. Brian Elwood wasted an excellent voice on an immature approach. He is quite capable of winning the contest, but to do so he must treat the audience as adults and not as adolescents. His subject, Baden-Powell, was worthy of less trite expressions than those uttered in his praise.

John McLean, after his effort last year, was disappointing. His treat-

J. H. NEWMAN: "THE GLORIES OF MARY FOR THE SAKE OF HER SON"

"... if you would bring out distinctly and beyond mistake and evasion the simple idea of the Catholic Church that God is man, could you do it better than by laying down in St. John's words that 'God became man'? And again could you express this more emphatically and unequivocally than by declaring that He was born a man, or that He had a Mother? The world allows that God is man; that admission costs it little, for God is everywhere, and (as it may say) in everything; but it shrinks from confessing that God is the Son of Mary. It shrinks, for it is at once confronted with a severe fact, which violates and shatters its own unbelieving view of things; the revealed doctrine forthwith takes its true shape, and receives an historical reality; and the Almighty is introduced into His own world at a certain time and in a definite way. Dreams are broken and shadows depart; the Divine truth is no longer a poetical expression, or a devotional exaggeration. . . . That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have diligently looked upon, and our hands have handled, that which we have seen and have heard, declare we unto you; such is the record of the apostle, in opposition to those 'spirits' which denied that 'Jesus Christ had appeared in the flesh' and which 'dissolved' Him by denying either His human nature or His divine."

—Inserted by the Catholic Students' Guild.

ment of Viscount Simon did not give the audience more than a fragmentary picture of the man.

The standard overall was high this year, judging was good, and the weather foul. Those who braved the elements found their evening well spent.

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CROSS COUNTRY RUNNING

VIC'S chances of winning the cross country section of Tournament appear to be very bright. We are very fortunate in being able to field a team all of whom have had A grade experience throughout the season. The club's six man A team is the strongest in Wellington at the moment and of that team four are eligible for Tournament. They are Graham Stevens, Dick Gilbert, Tim Beaglehole and Michael Truebridge. The other two members of the team are Tony Gow and Peter Joyce both of whom are well up to A grade standard especially on the road.

Graham Stevens and Dick Gilbert are both in the Wellington representative team for the National Championships, Graham running fourth and Dick sixth at the Provincial Championships held last Saturday. Vic places its hopes on one of these two to take the individual title at Tournament. Graham also represented Wellington last year and holds an N.Z.U. Blue for athletics being the three mile record holder.

Tim Beaglehole and Michael Truebridge have both been training hard and are quite capable of major placings. Both have been well to the fore

Message to V.U.C.

IN a few days, hordes of sportsmen from other colleges will descend upon us. They have to be wined, dined and ground into the dust. In the process, a good time will be had by all and sundry. For those interested in the serious side of Tournament, the Winter Show will be the main venue, with the Basin Reserve and Hutt Park as counter-attractions. On the entertainment side is the nightly hop in the gym., the various club dinners, parties and get-togethers, with the grand finale at the Winter Show Cabaret on Thursday evening.

All students, particularly members of the sporting clubs, can be assured of a good time. However, the success of Tournament depends largely on the students of the host college. Billets by students for students are the keystone of Tournament. Without them there would be no Tournaments.

The sporting performances reach a high standard, particularly in the N.Z.U. games and the entertainments will be remembered for years to come. So join in the fun or you will miss the only opportunity you will have for a year, of seeing Victoria victorious.

—SPORTS EDITOR.

CANTA'S CREW

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Freda Rankin: N.Z.U. representative last year, and this year's Canterbury captain. A member of the N.Z. senior B team, she has an attractive style and is very quick and active.

Marjorie Mitchell: Third year in the Tournament team, she has played for both N.Z.U. and Canterbury. Playing well again this year and should gain N.Z.U. honours once more.

Elaine Foster: Another old Tournament campaigner, formerly of Victoria. An N.Z.U. player last year and a Canterbury representative this season. Very fast and a good worker.

Val Stanton: An immigrant from Auckland, where she played in 1952. Selected for the Canterbury trials, and should do well at Tournament.

Jan Beaumont: Second Winter Tournament, a keen and energetic player, she is developing into a good stylist and should make her presence felt in Wellington.

Gretchen Columbus: Third Winter Tournament. This experienced player works well on the court and has a very good tactical sense.

Myra Love: Playing in her second Winter Tournament, she is a very quick and active player with scoring ability.

Judie Joyes: The only newcomer to the team. A very fast and energetic young player who is expected to do very well in Wellington.

WOMEN'S HOCKEY

Pam Keen: Goalie. A Canterbury representative and an N.Z.U. player last year. A classy goalkeeper with plenty of grim determination and concentration.

Colleen O'Connor: "To be sure" the most experienced player in the team. Holds the defence together with cool practical play. An N.Z.U. representative and a Canterbury B player.

Elizabeth Perritt: A young player with good anticipation. Needs to improve her clearing hits.

Jane Morrison: A fast wing half whose stick work has improved consistently this season.

Felicity Ower: Flick is centre half and captain. She is a steady player who leads the side well. Has gained in experience lately and has played for Canterbury C this season.

Elizabeth Preston: Plays consistently good hockey and can be relied upon to keep C.U.C.'s right wing in check.

Beryl Vizer: The greyhound of the team. Leads the attack well on the wing. A Canterbury and N.Z.U. representative.

Betty Brosnan: A player of experience with clever stick work. Will do better in Wellington if the grounds are dry and if she follows in.

Therese Minchin: Would like to see some of her Irish determination imparted to some of the other forwards.

Marion Booth: A fast and attractive player who will improve with the experience she should gain in Wellington.

Barbara Flescher: A player of ability who should do well at Tournament. A Canterbury B representative for the past two seasons.

Diana Martin: A fast left wing who has played well in her first season in senior hockey, but must maintain her position.

Allison Wilson: A stalwart defensive player who has done much for the club and deserves her trip to Tournament.

SOCCER

W. Main: A capable goalkeeper and an ex-Wellington Tech player. His few appearances in the Senior grade have shown that he can deal with even the best of forwards.

R. Kerbers: Unfortunate in being injured for the latter part of the season, but is fit again now. A full-back with a good record this season.

J. Noble: A steady, forceful player of no mean ability. A fullback who has displayed good form consistently this season.

M. Dwyer: A dashing player who has played for two seasons at C.U.C. Reliable and steadfast and should give a good defensive combination with the other players.

J. McFarlane: A basketball representative of the college who has given us the benefit of his Soccer ability.

M. W. Pointer: A player who would prefer his Soccer in a different locality, viz., a billiard table. This experience should prove invaluable for potting goals.

I. Smith: Playing in the senior team. Although one of the younger players he is improving immensely as the season progresses.

G. Coote: Games in the senior division have improved Graham's play. He is a very hard worker who combines well with the team and his fellow forwards.

P. F. Feenstra: An N.Z.U. and College Blue, and a Canterbury representative. A very capable player who is both bright and brilliant on and off the field. Appears to have the ball attached to his toe permanently.

S. Mohammed: The only international player in the team. Represented Fiji against the touring N.Z. team, a fast and reliable centre-forward. Unlucky not to be picked again for Canterbury this year, a provincial representative last year.

V. Kerdimidis: An inside forward who can tackle three or four opponents at the same time and emerge victorious, a good virtue on the Soccer field. First time at Tournament, should help the team immensely with his vigorous play.

J. H. Bentley: A senior reserve player of latent talent, should benefit greatly by Tournament play. Another of the younger players who should prove a good basis for future teams.

A. C. Walsh: A fast and elusive player, both on the field and at practice. A winger whose performances in senior play this season have compared with the best in the province. Should prove valuable in Wellington.

D. H. Nunwek: A new player to the code at C.U.C., who can be relied upon to show good form at Wellington.

FENCING

This year C.U.C. has a fencing team which should, we think, come out very near the top at Tournament. Team members are:

J. R. Matheson: Christchurch Swords Club foils champion 1952. Twice placed in provincial championships. C.U.C. Blue and Canterbury representative. Selected for final trials for the British Empire Games team and placed fifth in the foil.

N. M. West: Holder of both N.Z.U. and C.U.C. Blues for fencing. Has represented both N.Z.U. and Canterbury. Provincial foil champion 1952. C.U.C. champion for a number of years. Also selected for the final trials for the British Empire Games team.

D. Baughan: Captain of the Boys High School Fencing Club in 1953 and their club champion. Has done very well in provincials and against

O.U. this year. Dave, a newcomer to N.Z.U. fencing, should do particularly well at Tournament.

C. M. Musgrave: Another newcomer to N.Z.U. fencing. Chris is a very strong fourth for the men's team. He is a particularly neat and orthodox fencer who will be hard to beat.

Dorothy Walker: Dorothy is a difficult left-hander who seems to demoralise her opponents. The team has strong hopes for her at Tournament and she should acquit herself well.

Penny Sage: Penny is a very neat and stylish fencer who should also do very well in the women's events.

SHOOTING

G. E. Hassell: A good consistent shot representing C.U.C. for the third time this year. He is our most promising aspirant for an N.Z.U. Blue.

C. A. Marris: A newcomer to Winter Tournament, he is a very determined shot. Should help to maintain a good team average.

L. R. Brown: Another newcomer to Tournament, he is quiet and unspectacular but he has been the most consistent shot in the senior team throughout the season.

R. W. Kingsley: A fresher this year who is showing good promise, the results of previous experience at Blenheim. It is thought that conditions at Tournament may suit him.

L. K. Falkner: At Tournament for the second time, and with a new rifle he should not disgrace himself.

The team this year is not spectacular but should maintain a consistent average capable of winning the F.C.I. Shield.

HARRIERS

This year the C.U.C. team will be on the whole much stronger than last year's six. There are no outstanding runners but it is a very even team and should be quite capable of giving the other sides a run for their money. Only 95 seconds separated the first and last members of the Tournament team in the club championships. The team is as follows:

M. Browne: A newcomer to Canterbury and a former Scottish runner so he will be at home on the Paekak course. Was first of the Tournament team home in the club championships.

D. Pringle: A well-known Tournament runner with several meritorious performances to his credit. Is also a Wellingtonian and familiar with the Paekak course.

There is very little between the remaining four and any one of them could be next home.

D. Tucker: Has represented C.U.C. in several Tournaments and has always finished in the first ten. A strong runner, but has found time for training rather hard to obtain.

L. Phillips: Just out of junior ranks and in his first Winter Tournament. A promising runner and should go well.

N. Matheson: An old Tournament campaigner who should be well suited by the Paekak course.

R. Coleman: Another old campaigner who should be at home on the Paekak course. Should give a good account of himself.

MEN'S BASKETBALL

J. Park: Captain. A Canterbury representative in 1954 and a player in his third season in the A team. A very cool and experienced player and an obvious choice to lead the team.

B. Kildson: Second year with the A team as a guard. Not one of our best shots but a very sound player on defence. Should acquit himself well in his second Tournament.

S. Novak: In his second year with

the A team as a guard, and a sound defensive player. An experienced Tournament man, having represented both Victoria and Canterbury Colleges in the past.

G. Williams: Guard. Second year in the A team. Has not played consistently owing to a football injury, but can be relied upon to produce good form.

G. Struthers: Guard. A newcomer to the club, can also take a turn at centre. The experience at Tournament should make him a valuable player next season.

D. McPherson: Centre. First season with the A team, for which he has played some good games this season. Club captain this year, and an energetic worker on the court.

W. Rout: Forward. A Nelson man who is playing his first season for C.U.C. Settling down quickly and turning on some good performances.

D. Callender: Forward. First season with the A team. A very fast and energetic player who should do well in Wellington.

MEN'S HOCKEY

R. Kerr: Goalie. A new face at Tournament. With our childish faith in the team we don't think that he will have much to do. Better take a couple of good novels with you, Robin.

E. Jackson: Full-back (vice-captain), although playing regularly for the club seniors for some time Eric hasn't been to Tournament since 1951, when he made the N.Z.U. team. On current form he has every chance of repeating this success this year.

C. Brinsley: Full-back despite all efforts by the selectors Clive has made it again, and for the fifth time will be able to inspire the team with his mis-trapping, fly-hitting and slowness to the ball.

K. Mohammed: Full-back or half-back playing in his second Tournament. Kelly should be a decided asset to the team. On the field he is one of those unspectacular but highly reliable types who do the work of three ordinary men.

J. F. Mann: Half-back (captain), the daddy of the team. Jack has a distinguished record in the hockey world. An N.Z.U. player and N.Z.U. Blue numerous times and a Canterbury rep and captain for several seasons, also South Island captain. He will have a hard time controlling the boys, but he should maintain his habit of getting into the N.Z.U. team.

P. Vautier: Half-back. This will be Pete's second Winter Tournament, as he was once more successful in getting past the selectors. Should make his presence felt in Wellington.

A. Shaw: Half-back. Another first-timer at Tournament. Plays variably at right-inside and right-half thereby disconcerting his opponents, his team-mates, the umpires and the onlookers. Can be relied upon to do his share of work.

D. King: Wing forward—had no trouble in making the team this year as he is one of the selectors. Don will be playing in his fourth Tournament, so opposing players are warned to beware.

B. Bilham: Inside forward—has represented C.U.C. for the last two years and was a reserve for last year's N.Z.U. team. Brian is playing as well as ever now and will be a dangerous man at left inside.

G. Latimer: Inside-forward. Graeme first played for C.U.C. in 1951 and we have been unable to get rid of him ever since. He must be approaching his very best form as he scored his first goal of the season last week, congratulations, Graeme!

P. Cotton: Centre-forward—after playing the last few seasons for Woolston Pete has finally seen the light and joined up with a decent club again. This will be his first

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Tournament since 1950, and he is our secret weapon. On the field he is only slightly less deadly than an Atom bomb. Has been a Canterbury representative from time to time.

W. Haskell: Inside-forward—still another Tournament first-timer, he is expected to be one of our star players. He has been playing consistently well for the seniors this season.

I. McDougall: Inside-forward—our fifth Tournament newcomer. He has been playing a steady game in the senior reserve team and he should acquit himself well in Wellington.

BADMINTON

J. E. Frost: Jack will be competing in his second Tournament. He is extremely keen and is improving with each game. Should be a very hard man to defeat in Wellington.

N. M. Nimmo: His first Tournament. Having gained experience in Oamaru, Neil may be expected to perform creditably in all departments of the game.

R. P. Kerr: Between mathematics and Joyce, Roy does not get much time for practice, but his experience should stand him in good stead in this Tournament. A good doubles player.

D. M. Dissanayake: Played in the 1953 team and was selected to play for the South Island Universities. Despite his lack of height he moves very quickly about the court, making him a hard player to defeat.

Catherine Swift: The outstanding member of the team, last year being chosen for the N.Z.U. team. She can be relied upon to do very well again this year.

Helen Stubbs: Last year she was the top O.U. player, and although she is only just regaining her old form she should prove a very worthy asset to the team.

TABLE TENNIS

N. W. McGillivray: Second Tournament. Winner of N.Z.U. mens singles in 1950, and quickly returning to his best form. A former Canterbury representative, his form to date in club matches shows that he will be right in line for another title this year.

T. G. Shadwell: A left-handed, hard-hitting player who will be competing in his third Tournament. Runner-up in men's doubles last year, has also been showing excellent form in club matches.

D. D. M. Stewart: Also in his third Tournament, he was runner-up in the men's doubles last year and a semi-finalist in the mixed doubles. A tenacious player who has been winning most of his games in the A Reserve grade.

T. M. Mueham: An immigrant from South Canterbury playing in his first Tournament. He displayed good form in the trials to finish ahead of Symington. Men's singles semi-finalist at Auckland last year.

Heather Baker: Another from South Canterbury, it must be something in the air down there. A very steady player and sound on defence, she can be expected to perform creditably in her first Tournament.

Jan Broome: A good attacking player, taking part in her second Tournament. Last year in Auckland, a semi-finalist in the mixed doubles and runner-up in the women's doubles.

GOLF

J. Berry: Handicap 14. A very steady golfer who has played well below his handicap on several occasions, particularly in match play. Can be depended on not to "blow-up" when the pressure is on, and on his day could upset the best.

B. Chambers: Handicap 14. Last year's starter at Auckland, when he

W.U.S. Meets Here

V.U.C. Hosts

A WORLD UNIVERSITY SERVICE VICE COMMITTEE has recently been set up again in this college. W.U.S. is an international body whose membership is not restricted to any particular political or religious creed. Though students in the Communist countries have generally been unable to co-operate with it, it refuses to become a merely "Western" organisation and a seat on its controlling committee is still left for a representative of I.U.S. It is actively supported by the World Student Christian Federation, Pax Romana and the World Union of Jewish Students. N.Z.U.S.A. approves of its activities.

But W.U.S. is not just another organisation for the sake of organisation. It is concerned with vital everyday problems of students the world over. This concern is given concrete expression in relief for needy students in European and Asian countries from students in the better-off countries. Relief generally takes the form of subsidies for student hostels, student sanatoria, university libraries, etc. At one time the V.U.C. committee of the International Student Service (the predecessor of W.U.S.) adopted the University of Punjab in Pakistan as its particular concern. Expenses of organisation are kept down to an absolute minimum. Even so there must obviously be some talk and some organisation if relief is to go to the right places. And at the same time W.U.S. believes that it can do its part in bringing about a healthy meeting of minds from different countries and different political and religious backgrounds. Therefore the W.U.S. committees in the universities, besides raising money, try to arrange for staff-student discussion on problems of common interest.

The V.U.C. committee will be appealing for money next term and next year there will be a call for workdays. It is surely our duty to do something for our less well off fellow-students, especially in South-East Asia. For further information contact one of the committee—Mr. T. Turney (Chem. Dept.), Judith Grotcott, Diana Lescher, Maxine Levy, Helen Rait, Ian Catanach, Michael Fahey.

Special Note.—An inter-college consultation will be held at Victoria College on Sunday, August 15, and Monday, August 16, as part of the Annual Conference of the N.Z.W.U.S. ALL students from all colleges—that means all Vic. students and all Tournament competitors—and all interested staff members and friends are invited to attend the discussions on these days. They will be on:

(I) The Impact of the University on the Local Community.

(II) The integration of the overseas student into the life of the local community.

was unable to play because of injuries. Can play very sound golf when on form and is well acquainted with the weaknesses of the mighty Auckland team. Will be a very useful player.

P. McNeillage: Handicap 9. A man who can hit a very long ball and if he can stick to the fairway is capable of causing an upset. A very good match player, the wide open spaces of the Hutt course should suit him admirably.

R. G. Penlington: Handicap 4. Although liable to go astray from the tees, can play sound golf, and has had wins over several of Canterbury's leading players this season. A member of last year's N.Z.U. team, he could be in at the kill if he can avoid too much trouble.

V.U.C. DRAMA

"Anatole"

THIS year as its entry in the Tournament Drama Festival, the V.U.C. Drama Club has produced several scenes from Schnitzler's famous play "Anatole". The scenes are usually known as "Christmas Shopping" and "The Farewell Supper", but the play will be presented as "Anatole". Once again a very strong company has been assembled for what is one of our major activities of the year, and all of the players will be known to regular Victoria audiences. Most of the cast were also at last year's Tournament held in Auckland, when we succeeded in winning the newly-bought Cup, which we have every intention of trying to hold again this year.

The play will be produced by Gavin Yates, who has held the position of Tournament Producer for the last two years. In Auckland last year complimentary remarks were passed about his work, and with much the same cast for this year's play, it is felt that a similar satisfactory result may be achieved. Those actually appearing in the play will be Rosemary Lovegrove, who is chiefly remembered for her performance of Burbage's wife in our production of "Spring 1600" last year; she has also done much backstage and other acting work with the Club.

The other female player will be Diana Lescher.

The part of Anatole will be played by Gavin Yates, and that of his friend Max by Wm. Sheat. The work of both these members of the Club is well known to Victoria and Wellington audiences, and we hope that their combination will bring the success to this production that it has to others. Bill recently retired after four years as President of the Club, and Gavin is in his second year as Secretary.

A small part is being played by John Marchant, who has appeared in several of our productions, and is at present serving on this year's Committee. David Vere-Jones has taken on the job of properties, and Helen Jury is acting as prompt and wardrobe mistress, while Garth Young is in his old position of handling the music side of the show. In all a strong team, with fairly good prospects.

In conjunction with the Festival, this year we are organising several other activities for the drama teams. These will include a make-up demonstration and a couple of lectures, a dinner and a film. We hope that this will make it a specially memorable tournament. All this work has been in the capable hands of Ian Rich, who as Tournament Drama Controller, has been instrumental in drawing up and arranging a most interesting programme, and, with Gavin Yates, doing all the preparatory work for this year's Festival.

We are privileged to have Mr. Richard Campion, well known as the Director of the New Zealand Players, to judge the four plays. He has gone to some considerable personal inconvenience to make himself available to us, and we feel that his presence alone and the valuable comments which he will make, will make this year's Tournament a most successful one.

We regret that we have no news of the teams from either, O.U., M.A.C. or C.A.C.—Ed.

LETTERS TO EDITOR

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that accredited students are better students than examination entrants, and if they are surely it is because the former are in most cases the "pick of the bunch" and consequently the figures are inconclusive and inadmissible as evidence either pro or con; the figures given on page one of the latter report are also inconclusive for statistical analysis and are open to several differing interpretations; the latter committee recom-

mended the continuation of accrediting in the absence of a better system; as for childish, ill-informed opinion and lack of knowledge of the facts, the report of the Auckland Education Board sub-committee on accrediting supports my statements with my one qualification that the process of abolition should be a gradual one; Professor Bailey agrees in principle with the recommendations of the latter report, as doubtless do the other authorities you list.—Ed.)

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BACKGROUND TO INDO-CHINA

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China, and in both cases Russian recognition only came after they had gained substantial success on their account. The Russians have shown an understandable, if possibly misguided, determination to establish puppet governments in the nearby countries to their West, and agreed to the partition of Korea rather than allow American influence and arms to reach the outskirts of Vladivostok. There is little evidence that they made serious efforts to influence the destinies of countries beyond this perimeter, and the fact that Communist China and Viet Minh are now ranged alongside them is probably due as much to Western as to Russian policy.

It is moreover a fallacy to suppose that because nations share a common form of government they are inevitably allies in war and peace. Self-interest is stronger than ideological unity. Fascist Spain remained neutral in the war, while Japan joined the Axis powers not out of sympathy with their political systems but in the hope of sharing their victory. Communist Yugoslavia is outside the Russian orbit, while capitalist Egypt can hardly be regarded as a dependable ally of the West.

The fact that Mao Tse Tung and Ho Chi Minh have followed political policies similar to, though not identical with, those of Lenin and Stalin is no guarantee that Malenkov can count on them as loyal followers "through thick or thin, right or wrong." They have indeed, nothing to gain and much to lose through being involved in war outside their own territory. Chinese intervention in the Korean war when western armies were on the Yalu river was not surprising; and it would have been understandable if the Chinese had long ago participated in force in Indo-China, though it would not appear that they have kept out. What is perhaps more significant is that Russia, despite her proximity to Korea, avoided entanglement in both wars. She certainly supplied equipment to the North Koreans, as America did to the South, but as far as direct support went she has done much less than the West has done for Syngman Rhee or the Americans for Chiang Kai Shek. Whether through fear of American bombs, or because of a determination to avoid a world war, the fact is that she has not set herself out to win the unconditional allegiance of Communist China or the Viet Minh.

THREAT TO AUSTRALASIA?

Australia and New Zealand, and especially Australia, have long been conscious of their privileged position on the edge of the huge and poverty-stricken populations of Asia. Perhaps as the result of an unconscious guilt-complex they have feared and half-expected a vast mass movement of millions of Asians, pictured as

sweeping down almost as a horde of locusts to destroy their wealth, and fill up their empty spaces. There is nothing to suggest that this is a serious likelihood and indeed the evidence points the other way; the Japanese, the most aggressive of Asiatic races, have never managed to colonise their conquered territories, while Chinese migration has been brought about more by Western importation of indentured labour than by any deliberate policy on the part of the Chinese. Nevertheless, this fear of Asiatic invasion lurks at the back of the Australian, and even of New Zealand's national consciousness.

The question now is whether Communism will lead to an aggressiveness on the part of Asiatic nations which (except for Japan) they did not previously betray. The American view is not perhaps so much that countries like Indo-China will themselves launch attacks on their non-Communist neighbours, as that Russia might use them as bases for the aggressive design she is assumed to have on the world. It can only be said that if this is the Russian plan, she has been very slow in taking steps to implement it. The Russians on the other hand might be excused suspecting, on the evidence of present American policy, that it is the American aim to establish bases in Indo-China, along with Japan, Korea and Formosa, and so round to Pakistan, Persia and Turkey, through Greece, Yugoslavia, Italy and Spain to West-Europe, and completing the circle in Norway, Iceland and Greenland. This is "containment." The Russian answer appears to be not so much an attempt to establish opposing bases, as an attempt to surround herself with a ring of satellite governments on her immediate borders, and especially at her most vulnerable point, the European frontier. She aims to provide for defence in depth. Beyond these perimeter defences she does little to help even such potential allies as the Chinese in Malaya—or, for that matter, the natives of Kenya, South Africa or the Congo. She relies, perhaps, on the slow but inevitable working of the Marxist interpretation of history.

BUT DO WE CARE?

All this, however, is outside our immediate interest, and certainly outside our control. The rivalry between the U.S.A. and the U.S.S.R. will continue, and it is the interest of both powers to maintain a state of world tension; in this way it is easier for each to keep their satellites under a firm control. But war in Indo-China is not just a facet of the cold war, it is also, and primarily, an effort by the common people of a former European colony to achieve self-determination and at the same time to establish a new social order. In these objectives we are bound both by our sympathies and our self-interest to support them. If there is anything to be learnt

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from post-war history it is that the days of colonialism are over, while we know from our experience with India that a new and far more fruitful relationship between East and West is possible.

At the same time, if there is a danger to us and to our little pocket of Western civilisation on the edge of the Asiatic continent it is much more likely to come in the future, as it has in the past, from the aggressive policies of reactionary governments, than from the social reforms of the revolutionary forces. Japan is still a greater potential threat to us than China, and we might well feel more uneasy about Chiang Kai Chek and Syngman Rhee than about Ho Chi Minh. On the other hand, we deceive ourselves if we do not recognise that it is the revolutionary forces which are now in the ascendant, and a wise policy would dictate that we attempt not to alienate but to come to terms with them.

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IT is a well-known fact that the standard of civilisation is to be judged according to its women. It may sound simpler, but the majority of historians seem to find the woman far harder to evaluate than the civilisation. . . . The "average man" may be non-existent, but the average woman is inconceivable. And all that future generations will have as data is such meagre evidence as we of today provide—such documents as "Vogue," "Little Eve," Brick Bradford and George. It is a solemn responsibility that we by our negligence are hindering the masterpieces of historical analysis, while all the time the solution is in our own hands.

For, though at present it is top secret, there is an answer to this basic problem. Yes—if you investigate carefully the feminine beauty equipment you will have a sure guide in considering the user.

Let us take an example to demonstrate the value of this method; the cloakroom which betrays the truth

about that civilisation within a city. Victoria University College.

It is in the darkest, deepest section of the building; lighting is occasional, feeble and badly placed in relation to that most important piece of furniture—the mirror—and after all there is need of a little bit more illumination than that of beauty, to be able to see the face. The glass is carefully planned to be adequate for one person at a time; but owing to an increase in numbers, getting near is exhausting enough, without the effort of manipulating comb, lipstick, etc. Cleanliness may be next to godliness, but the women of the college achieve neither, to judge from the conditions assigned to them; and yet, with strong female persistence, they overcome their environment to an amazing extent.

These then are the facts—not exhaustive far from it, but an indication of the method which should prove invaluable. Pursued to their logical conclusion, the above data disclose the reason for the ill-repute of the student among the more highly civilised citizens of Wellington.

HERETICUS

JAPAN

Kyoto University has agreed to accept Indonesian students who wish to study there if they can pass a Japanese language test and meet other requirements for admission. The Indonesian Consul-General in Tokio recently approached Kyoto University on the problem of Indonesian students wishing to study in Japan, especially in the University. (The Asian Student, San Francisco.)

The Japanese Student Federation for the United Nations, which has more than 2000 members in 43 colleges and universities throughout Japan, is filming a realistic motion picture, "Student Life in Japan." The picture will be shown at the forthcoming Asian Student Conference in Pakistan. (The Asian Student, San Francisco.)

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