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A New Zealander Reports . . . Asians Are Watching New Zealand

THE recent (December-January) all-India Seminar held at Madras, India (theme: "Catholic students and the modern transformation of the Universities of Asia") was attended by delegates from universities in Ceylon, Pakistan, India, Burma, Hong Kong, Malaya, Indonesia, Japan, the Philippines, Iraq, Australia and New Zealand. Informative and vitally important discussions were held on this subject: important in view of the transitions taking place in Asia at the present time.

I found among the majority of students a very strong nationalism, a great pride for their own country which sometimes prevented them from admitting its faults. This nationalism is of course to be expected in countries which have achieved independence only in the comparatively recent past. The movement for freeing the Asian people from foreign dominance had provided a common bond for people of widely differing cultures, languages and religions. The fact of independence is still a very strong bond but since the achievement of a unified independent state, the differences which were previously overshadowed have begun to emerge, and are creating serious problems.

There has been a general upsurge of political consciousness in these countries recently made autonomous communities. Students are more politically minded than we are: in several countries of Asia political methods are used in an attempt to achieve results (examples: a strike in an attempt to oust unpopular principals; strike in support of staff or students whom students consider have been unjustly attacked).

Communism Gaining

University graduates find it difficult to get gainful employment; the supply is greater than the demand, as there is neither selection of nor guidance for students. This factor contributes to the general surging restlessness which exists in the Universities, especially in India. Communism is gaining acceptance mainly with the students and the clerical classes.

Among certain groups of extreme nationalists, I found a violent hatred of things Western, which are associated with the conquering powers. They consider that Asia will achieve greatness and unity only if the ancient religions and cultures are revived; traditionally dominant religions are associated with nationhood. The head of the Hindu Department at Allahabad University declared recently that it is impossible to be 100 per cent Indian unless one is 100 per cent Hindu, and the same attitude exists regarding Buddhism in Ceylon and Burma, Islam in Pakistan and Indonesia.

Breakdown of Hinduism

But these are the extremists. There are others who are prepared to accept completely foreign cultures; who regard their old cultures as dead—the cause of their country's poverty and backwardness. Some wish for a synthesis between the two. The majority of the educated classes no longer believe in the old religions (example: the Constitution of India is founded upon Christian principles). This is causing the breakdown of orthodox Hinduism, with its associated caste system, the rigidity of its social barriers, the age-long domination of the Brahmans. These people, with no positive beliefs, are groping for a philosophy of life, and may well turn to communism.

Asian students defined the University as "a supra-national autonomous unit, owing allegiance only to the Good, the True and the Beautiful, which are values rooted in an eternal order, with God as the central concept." They believed this concept is as valid for Asian universities as it is for European universities, but between the reality and the idea "falls the shadow," as Poet Eliot writes, and the gap is wider in Asia than in Europe.

The origin of the Asian universities is found in utilitarian motives—the purpose they served was to train professionals and administrative personnel. The European universities, founded in medieval times, emphasised the humanities. A result of this utilitarian origin is the fact that Asian universities are now

The author of this article, Miss N. O'Shea, is a final-year arts student. She attended the Asian Seminar at Madras last December as the delegate of the University Catholic Society of New Zealand. Before returning to New Zealand, Miss O'Shea travelled extensively through several Asian countries, including India, Thailand, Ceylon and Malaya. We regret that owing to space limitations we have had to abridge the article. The feature has also been edited.—Ed.



Prof. Fraser MacKenzie, Visiting Professor of French. Further notes about him appear on page 3.

schools rather than places for research. In an effort to increase the numbers of administrators, the universities sought quantity rather than quality. Many were admitted who should not have been, and standards dropped considerably.

Inaugurated under Government auspices, the Government had control of both the curriculum and the method of teaching in the universities.

Meal-Ticket Degree

Students attended lectures to gain a degree, which to them represents a passport to employment. The degree is in fact a meal-ticket, and the fervent acceptance of this philosophy puts even our own students to shame. There is little opportunity for general reading or discussion, which should characterise university life. Relations between the students and staff are poor, and there are few who feel that the University should be a true community.

Political independence strengthened this utilitarian philosophy. Emphasis was laid on technology and engineering (example: India's five-year plan). The medieval university ideal became even more distant as a course in the humanities did not lead to employment and comparative security.

Economic and political utilitarianism, significant in the present framework of the Asian universities, are mainly determined by the economic and political needs of the state. The real needs of the human individual are being neglected.

Great Bitterness

A great bitterness has been aroused in the Asian people: bitterness directed against the colonial powers for having profited from and subjected Asia for so long, without repaying their debt or helping overcome the poverty of that land; bitterness against prosperous countries (e.g.,

New Zealand and Australia) which refuse to allow Asians to share in their prosperity; bitterness against the Western world in general for fighting their battles against communism on Asian soil, using the Asian peoples as fuel for their guns.

New Zealanders must become aware of their responsibilities towards Asia: for too long we have regarded ourselves as isolated, insulated and therefore safe from the rest of the world. Sir Carl Berendsen sounded a warning recently when he said that it was not impossible that in a few years time we will be pulling rickshaws down Lambton Quay. Communism is not an exaggerated evil; it presents a malignant danger to Asia and not least of all our own country.

Death and Disease

But it is not only because of our own safety that we have a duty towards Asia. I saw many things in India that shocked me. I had no idea that human beings lived or could live under such conditions. I saw naked children in the streets, their bellies swollen by hunger, their limbs deformed through disease; lepers sitting everywhere; beggars who cannot afford to have any pride, who have no chance of living in accordance with their dignity as human beings.

I saw villages of mud huts, with a whole family living in one small hovel, surrounded by filth and with no drainage or sanitation, paying a large rent; people living in the streets because they had no shelter; people eating scraps from dustbins, because they could not buy food. I visited large blocks of tenements where one very small room would house perhaps a dozen people. I visited a hospital for the destitute and dying, and saw some people dying from disease. The majority were dying from starvation.

Smug N.Z.ers

Can we New Zealanders sit back, smugly conscious of the fact that we have one of the highest standards of living in the world, while there are people in neighbouring countries living in filth, poverty, hunger, disease and death? The Government of this country is doing a limited amount to help, under the Colombo plan, but it is not enough. We have an underpopulated, naturally rich country; it is our duty to open our doors to our Asian neighbours, to give them land to work, to give them hope and faith once more, to give them life. Immigration does present difficulties, but they will not be overcome unless they are faced. We have a deep, natural responsibility to overcome these problems. We can help mould the future of 900 million Asians, or we can write our own execution warrant.

FRESHERS! FRESHERS!

The V.U.C. Student Christian Movement has arranged three functions for freshers.

- Opening night, Monday, March 14, at 8 p.m. in the Women's Common Room
- Service, Sunday March 20, at 4 p.m., in the Little Theatre.
- WEEKEND CAMP at Otaki, Sat-Sun, March 26-27.

For further details, watch the notice-boards or contact a member of the Committee.

Salient

EDITORIAL

SOUTH EAST ASIA AND WORLD UNIVERSITY SERVICE

It is always a wise thing to pay attention to developments in neighbouring countries. Miss Nan O'Shea this week presents her views on Asia and we as students cannot ignore the facts of the matter. Sir Carl Berendsen has called New Zealand "a sea of ostrich tails." Very often one is tempted, on the whole, to agree with him. We must now, at this stage in our historical development, look to the Asia that has so long been helpless, with a growing fear—perhaps not altogether divorced from guilt—for our own safety.

People without land have a right to land without people. New Zealand and Australia are underpopulated and we refuse to trade with some of the most desperately situated countries. We refuse to allow them to immigrate. The two main ways of solving Asian problems are closed. Technological assistance is a long-term policy: Asia needs relief now.

Truly, New Zealanders are complacent: public opinion is measured to a large extent by the correspondence columns of newspapers: how many letters on comparatively trivial subjects have appeared compared with those drawing attention to the South-East Asian position? Even we, the students of a University College, theoretically part of the highest qualified tenth of the country's population—even we have mentioned not one word of our opinion through Salient's columns. It is hard to believe that even we are not ostriches.

Think carefully over the concluding portion of Miss O'Shea's article. Later in the year we will present a supplement on Asia. It is very wise not to forget our neighbours, no longer in the "Far East," but in the "Near North." All peoples, no matter what colour their skin, have a fundamental right to life.

The World University Service Committee at Victoria has this year prepared a full programme of action for this College: its interests are centred on South-East Asia, that quadrant of the world which until recently had known nothing but filth, disease, hunger, poverty and death. Asians dream now of a better life. If they are not helped to attain this, then they will take it. WUS provides relief to those students who need it: WUS asks, deserves and needs your support. Make sure that you are not one of the selfish ones.

STUDENT FACILITIES: LESS MOANING MORE ACTION NEEDED

THE hardest-thrashed subject of letters to Salient has for years been the lack of student facilities in this college, and the shocking state of the facilities which we do actually possess. All students deplore the conditions under which extra-curricular activities have to be conducted, and we agree it is high time something was done to improve these conditions.

Little satisfaction has been obtained by writing bitter letters to Salient, Students' Association finances do not—and cannot—allow for substantial improvements to student facilities at present, apart from contributions to the Student Union Building sinking-fund, and frequent approaches to the College Council have had little result.

So we would suggest a new course of action.

Recent renovations to Salient's office were carried out almost entirely by the paper's staff, with financial aid from the Students' Association. This could provide an example. Less moaning and more action is required.

Much of the work needed on common rooms, gymnasium dressing-rooms, club lockers and other facilities can be done by you, the Student Body, and we believe the College Council may respond much more favourably to concrete proposals along these lines. The necessary finance might then be forthcoming.

It might also be pointed out that the amount of sheer vandalism which is evident, in the men's common room for instance, would not predispose the Council to grant money for improvements unless some new, self-help approach was made by the students.

As a contributor says elsewhere in a different context, "loosen your ties, roll up your sleeves, and get stuck into a concerted effort."

Communications approving or criticising aspects of "Salient" will be appreciated; these should be not more than 500 words in length. Copy for publication from clubs or societies or individuals should be placed in the Executive Room or the Men's Common Room letter racks, addressed "THE EDITOR, 'SALIENT'." REMEMBER THAT WITHOUT YOUR OPINIONS WE CANNOT IMPROVE THE STANDARD. Suggestions for articles will be welcomed. Unsigned articles may be taken as an expression of editorial opinion.

Letters to the Editor

Lack of Lunch-Time Play

DEAR SIR.—The much-talked-of Student Union Building is obviously a thing of the far distant future. I am not complaining about this, because there are good reasons for it. But in the meantime could there not be some effort made to provide facilities (other than the Caf. and common rooms which are unsatisfactory anyway) for bringing full-time students together more during the day?

There is, I am told, a Film Society in the College. Would it be possible

for the society to provide film showings during lunch-hours at a small charge per head? The Music Society did a great job last year with its lunch-hour concerts by leading local musicians, and the only criticism offered is that we could have done with many more such concerts.

So long as we have no common common room, and an inadequate cafeteria, something along the lines suggested is, I think, very necessary. —Yours, etc.,

"FULL-TIMER."

Lack of Amenities

DEAR SIR.—I wish to draw attention to the deplorable lack of facilities for students in the Men's Common Room. The reading desk would perhaps serve a more useful

From the Celluloid Jungle . . .

Ian Rich reports on 'SABRINA'

I SUPPOSE the greatest mistake a director can make is to allow himself to be nominated for an Academy Award. Moreover, it appears to be a tragedy for a director to ever win one. He is branded for life. He must board Oscar's art-crafty band-wagon, armed not with a single camera and perhaps a good script neatly bound in plain cloth, but armed with many cameras arranged to capture many angles of many moods and scenes. In short: the mediocre director awarded becomes Oscar-ridden—and short-sighted. His thick horn-rimmed spectacles become heavier with each film—and of course the lenses thicker and more highly polished.

Sabrina is a light fair-tale set in Modern America. It is directed by Academy Award winner Billy Wilder, but his fairy wand is heavy and clumsily used. For a comedy-romance the film moves too slowly, and lacks bite and sharpness. True, it has a highly glossed finish and technical smartness. Alas, it also has too much striving for striking camera angles (e.g., the shots of the dancing couple on the tennis courts) and too much by-play from the self-conscious director (e.g., the scenes in the Paris Cooking Academy). Let's push Oscar away from the fireside and hear an amusing story straight and simple.

CONVENTIONAL PLOT

"Sabrina" has a conventional plot, being unconventional only in that it comes near to the danger of becoming too serious for its delicate frame. Consequently, one tended to become apprehensive of its ending. We are, however, spared. But although not disgusted, we are perhaps not entirely convinced with the finale. "Sab-

rina" is a simple case of the last act not being up to the quality of the rest.

All these complaints do not add up to a poor film. Indeed it is a good one—entertaining and amusing. Billy Wilder seems to be too heavy handed to direct comedy; but his players have the necessary lightness of touch. That increasingly inspired actor, Bogart, away from his heavy roles is awkwardly funny as the embarrassed Prime Minister in love. William Holden gives his usual polished performance as Prince Charming. Audrey Hepburn as Cinderella is vivacious and fresh; but—oh to see her in some different type of role. The heroine of Sabrina is the heroine of "Roman Holiday", except the situation and circumstances are reversed. Occasionally in Audrey Hepburn's on the whole delightful performance there are traces of "easy-to-amaze-them" tricks. She has been nominated for an Academy Award. But I hope Sabrina does not bring her another Oscar.

purpose if there were something to read. Copies of the student papers from other colleges in New Zealand and overseas were available at the beginning of last year but faded away to the shredded "Dominion" by the end of May.

The seating has to be sat upon to be appreciated and apparently was constructed without any reference to anatomy . . . The (cuspidors) which also serve as ash trays, depositories for newspapers, lunch wraps, apple cores . . . are inadequate for the students at (peak) hours . . . As the Union will not eventuate for some time could the executive possibly consider improving the conditions of leisure for male students?

The women's common room is also in need of renovation and the common common room could also do with existence.—Yours, etc.,

JONES AND SON AND DAUGHTER, WRECKERS AND/OR RENOVATORS.

(We suggest that students (male) refrain from chewing tobacco, reading newspapers, eating lunches, apples . . . at peak hours. Abridged.—Ed.)

Lack of Union

DEAR SIR.—I wish to bring up once again the one question—vital to all students of Victoria College—what is being done about the Student Union Building? I, along with many others, are sick of the continual haggling, bickering, red tape and procrastination which shrouds any immediate action towards getting the building under way. Both the College Council and the VUCSA executive have much to answer for. From information I have received, it is unlikely that any more action can be taken until 1960, but the difficulties (put to me) are not convincing. First, the tennis courts must be resited. The proposal to put them by the Geography huts has been turned down until the new science block is constructed. Is this wait necessary?

Why cannot a private Bill authorising the transfer of land from the R.C. authorities to Council be put through Parliament this forthcoming session?

We want a Student Union Building and we want it now—not 1960—Exec., get onto the job! Stop sitting around the table at exec. meetings looking like a pack of stuffed relics from a distant age—loosen your ties, roll up your sleeves and get stuck into a concerted effort.—Yours, etc., E.A.W.

(The Secretary of the Association, when approached for a statement, fingered his tie and pointed out that considerable progress has been made over the past year as stated in the

first issue of "Salient." Abridged.—Ed.)

A Correction

DEAR SIR.—In an article on the front page of your first issue, you attribute to me the highest powers of persuasive oratory. You report that, as a result of my defence of IUS at Curious Cove, the Congress carried a resolution in favour of NZUSA applying for associate membership in IUS.

Now while this is very flattering, I am afraid it is inaccurate. I certainly defended IUS to the best of my ability against the assault made on its good name by Maurice O'Brien and other Co-Sec. protagonists. But the resolution which was carried did not refer to "associate membership," but to "closest practical liaison," which may or may not, in the circumstances which confront us, mean the same thing.

The actual text of the resolution appears in an article elsewhere in this issue. But the story behind it does not, and as that story casts some light on the possible source of your inaccurate report, allow me to state it briefly.

The resolution was moved by Mr. Mummery, of VUC, and seconded by an ex-VUC student new at Otago Med. School. The resolution was discussed fully and with some heat, some opposing it as being "too left," others as being "not left enough." Among the latter, Mr. Stone of AUC moved an amendment replacing the words "closest practical liaison" with "membership," in order to sharpen the issue. While my feelings were much in tune with Mr. Stone's, I was also of the opinion that the students present had not sufficient facts at their disposal to recommend this concrete step, and also that whatever was carried should have the heaviest possible majority in order to carry weight with NZUSA Council. Accordingly I spoke against Mr. Stone's amendment, and I think he withdrew it. Certainly it was Mr. Mummery's resolution, not Mr. Stone's amendment which was carried, and by a big majority.

"Salient" used to have a good record of fair and accurate reporting. This report was more than fair to me, and it was substantially inaccurate.—Yours, etc.,

CONRAD BOLLINGER.

(Mr. Bollinger's concern at the lack of information at students' disposal is somewhat relaxed by his article on IUS in this issue. As for inaccurate reporting, the editor was not at Congress and our chief reporter, who was, had to rely upon his memory for the text of the resolution. Our regrets to Conrad.—Ed.)

In Retirement Comes . . .

Further Recognition For Professor

PROFESSOR C. A. Cotton, B.Sc., Hon. LL.D., A.O.S.M., F.G.S., F.R.S.N.Z., Victoria Medallist of the Royal Geographical Society, Hector and Hutton Medallist, Correspondent of the Geological Society of America and Corresponding Member of the Geological Society of Belgium, Professor Emeritus of Victoria University College, was recently awarded the Andre Dumont Medal of the Geological Society of Belgium. The Belgian Minister, M. Armand Nihotte, presented the award during an impressive ceremony.

The award, instituted in 1949 to mark the 100th anniversary of Dumont's completion of his geographical map of Belgium, had previously been awarded to an Italian, a British, a Polish, a Dutch and an American scientist.

Dr. Cotton, who has been called "New Zealand's most distinguished living scientist," was born in Dunedin in 1885, where he studied at the Dunedin School of Mines. Later he became director of the Coromandel School of Mines, and in 1909 was appointed lecturer in Geology at Victoria University College. He took up the professorship in 1921. After 45 years in that Department, Dr. Cotton resigned from the professorship early last year.

Professor Emeritus

Last November he was admitted to the degree of Doctor of Laws honoris causa of the University of New Zealand, and also as emeritus professor of Victoria University College. At that ceremony, Dr. Williams principal of Victoria College, said that it was fitting that Dr. Cotton's eminence should be recognised; he had brought honour to the College and to the University, and had served the College with devotion and great distinction. Dr. Cotton had achieved the highest eminence as a teacher and writer in the field of geology and particularly of geomorphology. He is perhaps best known for his book "Geomorphology" first published in 1922 and since greatly expanded. It is still used as a text-book, both at VUC and abroad. He has long been recognised as one of the world's leading geomorphologists.

World-Wide Renown

Presenting the award last week, M. Nihotte said that Professor Cotton had brought world-wide renown to New Zealand, as had Lord Rutherford in the realm of physics, Sir Peter Buck as an anthropologist, and Katherine Mansfield as a writer.

Dr. Cotton, M. Nihotte said, had acquired universal acclaim in the domain of geomorphology—the science of land forms—mainly through his published works, which were regarded throughout the world as classics. He had also particularly distinguished himself in the study of tectonic relief and in the study of scarps and valleys in relation to faults.

The Victoria College Council recently decided to establish a Cotton Memorial Prize for the most competent student of Geology I.

The following appointments have been made by the Executive, subject to the consent of the people concerned:—Finance Manager, Extravaganza, J. M. Whitta; business manager, Cappicade, W. Iles; process controller, J. Hutchison.

NZUSA delegates from Victoria for Easter meeting are Messrs. Galvin, Iles and Whitta, who attended the meeting last August.

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MR. A. A. CONGALTON, M.A., Dip. Ed., has been awarded a one-year fellowship by the social science division of the Rockefeller Foundation. Mr. Congalton, senior lecturer in psychology at Victoria University, will, in the U.S.A., make "an intensive study of the conceptual and theoretical problems in social psychology" and sociology; and will attend courses of instruction at the University of Chicago dealing with community analysis, social change, social stratification, etc. He left New Zealand at the end of December, 1954.

Under the Indecent Publication Amendment Act, 1954, and regulations gazetted to give effect thereto, the Students' Association has been officially registered with the Department of Justice as a distributor of printed matter.

New Procedure For Paying Exam. Fees

It is learnt from authoritative sources that a new procedure of paying examination fees will be introduced at Victoria this year. Fees for all subjects scheduled in the University of New Zealand Calendar for the Arts and Science degrees, no matter what degrees they occur in, will be paid at the Victoria College office in the Administration Block; other fees will continue to be paid at the University Senate office in Bowen Street. As there will be some changes in the subjects which will be examined internally this year, students are advised to consult the Registrar before paying their fees, in order to clarify the question of to whom the fees must be paid. Senate has not yet finalised the question of what subjects will be examined internally.

The College is also taking over more of the records of the V.U.C. students, formerly held by the University of New Zealand.

EXTRAV. DATES

DATES PENCILLED IN for Extrav. this year are Monday, May 9, Saturday, May 14, both evenings inclusive. Messrs. J. C. Williamson informed the Association that the 13th and the 14th May were already booked; it appears that this matter may be negotiated with the group concerned. Failing this, alternative dates will be Saturday, May 7 until Thursday, May 12, both days inclusive.

Items of humour are now being solicited for Cappicade, 1955. These should be left in the Common Room or the Executive room addressed to The Editor, "Cappicade."

ROBERT H. SMITH
PHOTOGRAPHERS

For All Student Activities

EXTRAV.—CAPPING

RAPID HIGH QUALITY SERVICE

New Professor of French

PROFESSOR Fraser MacKenzie, M.A. (N.Z. and Birm.), D. es L. (Paris), Hon. LL.D. (Montpellier); Chevalier, Legion of Honour, who has a one-year appointment as Professor of French at Victoria, returns to his birth-place after an absence of 25 years. One of New Zealand's most distinguished scholars, he was assistant lecturer in French at St. Andrew's University in Scotland, senior lecturer at Aberdeen University, and has occupied the chair of French at Birmingham University since 1946. At two-yearly intervals he has lectured at Montpellier University, the oldest in France, as Visiting Professor of French. Montpellier recognised his services by awarding him an honorary doctorate.

Likes Burgundy

At the end of January last year, the Cultural Counsellor to the French Embassy at Birmingham, M. Varin, presented Professor MacKenzie with the Cross of the Chevalier of the Legion of Honour. The award by the French Government was "in recognition of the Professor's services in fostering Anglo-French friendship." As Professor of French at Birmingham, he was known and liked by many departments. The English Club at Birmingham University has been grateful to him on many occasions for his stimulating views on the relationship of French with English literature. His favourite topic: "Burgundy—Eating and Drinking."

Likes Ankles

Professor MacKenzie and his kilt were well known to residents of that University's Chancellor's Hall, where he was assistant Warden. He had taken a real interest in the student-life of the Hall, and was often commended for his skill when called upon to judge the ankle competition at the annual "Freshers' Fun and Games."

EXTRAV. NEWS

EXTRAV. IS HERE AGAIN! Apart from the fact that as yet we have no script and as yet no Opera House booking, everything is fine.

Casting will be on Monday, March 21. It is hoped that the show will play to wildly enthusiastic audiences during the (we hope) second week of May. A cast of thousands as usual will be required of which it is hoped you will be one. This is your chance to get into the Big Time.

If you can sing, dance or act (or if you can't sing, dance or act) we can use you. Also required are innumerable enthusiastic bods to help with costumes, scenery, advertising, ticket sales, orchestra properties and general administration.

Rehearsals will be held on Monday, Tuesday (or Wednesday) and Thursday evenings, and on Sunday from 2 p.m.

If you want to be in the event of the University year, be at the Little Theatre on Tuesday, March 22, at 8 p.m.

Rehearsals will begin on Sunday, March 27, at the latest.

If you can't make it, contact Ian Rich, c/- Men's Common Room or c/- Exec. room.

THE new Science block on the site above the Gymnasium, on which work will start shortly, will be a steel-framed concrete building of six floors and a basement. Planning of this building began before 1939: the preparation of the detailed plans has correctly been called a "lengthy business."

The building will house the departments of chemistry, geology and geography. It will ease the acute accommodation problem at VUC—the present student roll is 2200 and is estimated at 2800 by 1957—and will be completely up-to-date: the architects, Messrs. Gray Young, Morton and Calder, sent Mr. Young to England in 1951 to inspect similar buildings, and he had discussions with architects and specialists in laboratory design.

In addition to the three departments mentioned above, the new building will have provision for non-science classes and rooms for council, board and committee meetings, as well as a lecture theatre which will be of value for public lectures and similar public occasions.

The following appointments to Extravaganza staff have been made:

- Musical Director:** Garth Young.
- Sales Manager:** Mr. R. N. Turner.
- House Manager:** Mr. C. Terry.
- Rehearsal Manager:** Mr. G. I. Rich.
- Rehearsal Cook:** Miss M. F. Thom.

Bigger Weir House Urged

An extension to Weir House was urged at the College Council meeting last month by Mr. O. Conibear (representative of the governing bodies of secondary schools in the VUC district). With a roll of more than 2000, the university could accommodate only 90-100 at Weir House, he said.

The Chairman (Mr. T. D. M. Stout) said that plans for extensions to Weir House and for other buildings on the same site were already in existence.

The acting-principal (Professor C. L. Bailey) said that people in areas outside Wellington whose sons used Weir House should help with the finance.

Staff Movements

Dr. J. C. Beaglehole has been offered a Carnegie Visiting Fellowship.

The Minister in Charge of the Department of Island Territories has asked Professor Beishaw to conduct an economic survey of the Cook Islands. He will be absent for about three weeks.

Mr. F. W. Holmes, also of the Department of Economics has been offered the British Commonwealth Fellowship for 1957.


Dr. W. S. Metcalf, Senior lecturer in the Department of Chemistry has resigned to take up a similar post at Canterbury University College. His resignation was accepted at last Council meeting as from July 1, 1955.

Dr. G. P. Barton, B.A., LL.M. (N.Z.), Ph.D. (Camb.), senior lecturer in Law, is resigning to take up a partnership in a legal firm. His resignation was accepted with regret as from March 21.

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EVANGELICAL UNION COMING ATTRACTIONS OPENING MEETING OF YEAR

- Friday March 11 at 8 p.m.
- Saturday March 12—Picnic to Days Bay
- Friday 25—Sunday 27 March—House Party at Paekakariki
- Friday 18 at 7.15 p.m., in A.3.—a regular weekly meeting

For Further Details, See Main E.U. Notice-Board

THIS IS WEIR

HAVING been scattered to the four winds, the old residents of Weir are slowly re-assembling within the stone corridors and rooms of the institution, alas a much depleted crew. The House seems to contain an extraordinary number of freshers, most of whom are at present eagerly looking forward to the Registrar's talk in the Common Room this Sunday evening. While it is improbable that Mr. Desborough will be able to attend, the newcomers are unlikely to find the proceedings of the evening entirely without interest. Though this year's freshers look reasonably pure and unspoilt, those that survive the evening's entertainment should not take long to graduate into the particular type of dehumanised (but highly intellectual) brute that Weir is noted for.

The para heading is used to show that we display more versatility in the matter of pursuits than we are normally given credit for. Unfortunately the only cultural activity stirring in the House at the moment is the formation of this year's Haka Party. This however promises to be exceedingly worthwhile as there is a particularly large contingent of recruits from the freshers, and while it will take leader Alan Ward a few weeks to get the members coached to the highest efficiency, there is little doubt this year's mob will suitably uphold the noble traditions established by their predecessors. (Other cultural pursuits will be

reported in subsequent issues if and when we find something cultural to pursue).

WEIR BEING GOT AT!

It seems shocking that we should have got ourselves a grouse before we are scarcely back but the fact is that we find ourselves on the receiving end of a particularly wicked practical joke delivered by no less an adversary than the City Fathers. The afore-mentioned august body seemed to have formed such a low—and we are obliged to add, unjustified—opinion of the mental age of residents that they deemed it advisable to install immediately outside our back entrance a children's playground, fully equipped with swings, monkey bars and merry-go-round.

Unfortunately the phrase "our back entrance" in the last sentence must now be amended to "our former back entrance," for across our old route to Vic and the Cable Car is now erected an unbroken six foot high fence dividing off the house from this new amenity.

While we are prepared (with regret) to forgo the pleasures that we had imagined were in store for us from our new play area, the fact that it forces us to walk some hundred and fifty yards further to get anywhere does not meet with wild enthusiasm, either from Weirmen or from those living in adjoining houses. It is to be hoped that the City Council recant of a rather deplorable joke and re-establish this particularly useful right of way.

Mr. W. Ransom, nominee for the Rhodes Scholarship last year, has been appointed a lecturer in the Department of English, University of Sydney.

Rev. Dr. Walshe, D.D., who has studied at many overseas universities, has been appointed Assistant Lecturer in the Departments of Political Science and History.

WEIR HOUSE— QUO VADIS?

EX CONTUBERNIO ROBUR—how apt is this motto of Weir House and to what extent does it typify the House? What sort of place is Weir, and is it true that its students are noted only for their aloofness from the College, their amazing drinking habits and their perpetual difference of opinion with the Weir House Management Committee?

The freshman or critic who asks these questions could best find the answers by acquainting himself with the House and its residents but for the purposes of this article I shall direct my remarks to those who have come to Victoria for their first year.

As one who has had the privilege of several years in Weir I should begin by explaining that the House was built during the depression of the early '30s from moneys left under the will of William Weir, a benefactor of the College. According to New Zealand standards Weir House has first-class amenities and every opportunity is given to residents to successfully pursue their chosen course of study.

To a Weir student, the fellowship of 83 other students generally does give strength and, although many Housemen tend to regard the institution merely as a glorified boarding-house, it may be fairly said that a certain tolerance and appreciation of the ideas of others are not among the least of the benefits which residence in Weir gives. In sharing experiences with fellow-students, in debating religion or philosophy till 2 a.m., in helping to organise a Weir sporting event or in participating in a House meeting, the Weir Houseman can and does learn much about that great art of living happily and successfully in a community.

The criticism that Weir House does not play a full part in College life does not stand the test of analysis, and at the present time a large number of executive positions in 'varsity clubs and societies are held by Weir Housemen. Weir should never forget that it is part of a larger institution with which it must endeavour to cooperate.

A previous edition of "Saliens" referred, quite unfairly, to Weir House as "that great debauchatorium"—and yet the House boasts a higher than average pass rate in College final examinations. Remember, too, that there is a regulation prohibiting liquor in the House.

And so Weir begins its twenty-third year. Depending largely on how each resident contributes to House life, so can he benefit from his stay here. We admit that we have our differences with the management committee but even those members of that committee who know what and where Weir House is do not appear to be prepared to fully appreciate the problems of the House.

I trust that this year may witness a long overdue improvement in the relationship of the management committee to Weir House.

To the Weir House freshman, we bid welcome. May your residence in Weir be happy and successful.

—"INOOGNITO."

SWIMMING CLUB

THE Victoria Swimming Club meets every Thursday evening, from 7 to 8 p.m., at Thorndon Baths. Races are run off and points awarded count towards two cups, one being for championship races and the other for handicap races.

On Tuesday, March 22, the club is holding its Annual Inter-Faculty, commencing at 7 p.m. Results of these races will help decide the winners of the cups, and will give the committee an opportunity to spot likely talent for the Easter Tournament team to be sent to Auckland on April 7. The team consists of twelve people, six of each sex, and in addition some extra men for water polo. Men in this team can now qualify for a VUC Blue.

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Senior Tournament delegate for Easter is Barry Boon, who was Junior delegate Easter last year. Junior delegate for Easter is Miss Pamela Beck, who was Corresponding Delegate at Winter Tournament, 1954.

The official figures for Extravaganza and Cappicade 1954 have been released. Extravaganza made a profit of £243 and Cappicade made a profit of £347. The total amount of £590 has been transferred to the Association's Development Reserve.

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Mr. W. Iles has been appointed Executive representative on the VUC WUS Committee.

It is readably stated that Ron Jarden, B.A., will again play for the University Senior Rugby team this season.

NZU Blues in Rugby Football for 1954 were won by Messrs. McHalick, Osborne, Fitzgerald and Stuart.

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Students Languish Behind Bars in Argentina NZUSA Protest

IN Argentina, 430 students, including 25 women, are still in prison following the incidents in October. These students were "collected" from the annual general meetings of the Engineering and Chemistry Students' Unions, and from raids on various other students' headquarters—including the law students. A general strike of all students was called as a protest on October 22, 1954. As a result student organisations of all faculties in Buenos Aires, except Architecture, Agriculture and Dentistry, have been shut and are under police guard. The explanation given by the Argentine students is that trouble between the Peronists regime and the Federacion Universitaria Argentina—FUA—has long been brewing. After the return of the delegation from the Istanbul conference there were indications of an apparent change of heart on the part of the Government.

This lasted until October 5, 1954, the day of the engineering students annual meeting and the first arrests. There has been no comment at all from the Government.

Statements of support have already come from: South Africa, Costa Rica, U.S.A. and France and England (national unions).

In most cases these unions wrote to their respective Argentine Consuls and received no reply. The English students protested vigorously and asked that the Consul receive a deputation to discuss the matter—with what result is not yet known.

Health Suffered

The students are under close observation, and several of them had to be sent to the hospital because their health has suffered; one of the students, J. Haramboure, has had a nervous breakdown. Visits by close relatives are allowed only once a week. The students have not yet been put on trial; they fall under a decree in effect since 1951, the so-called "condition of martial law," whereby the constitutional guarantees are abolished and the Government has the right to imprison people for an indefinite length of time.

From the Argentine Consul-General (N.Z.), NZUSA have received, in reply to an enquiry, merely a letter of acknowledgment stating that he knew nothing about the matter but would find out. That was on November 25, 1954. NZUSA wrote again asking if he had any further information.

Reply Received

A reply received last week stated that the Consul-General had cabled his Government for information and stressing the urgency of the matter.

The New Zealand University Students' Association Resident Executive last week chose Messrs. Brewster and T. Beaglehole as a delegation to wait upon the Consul-General, the purpose of their visit being to stress again the urgency of the matter and request news as soon as possible.

In the meantime, the NZUSA is taking no further action on the matter.

At a meeting of the VUCSA executive in the middle of last month, the president entered a motion to the effect that the secretary of NZUSA be informed that if no satisfaction is received from the Argentine Consul-General, the information received from COSEC will be released to the N.Z. Press Association, and that NZPA be informed of the NZUSA correspondence with the Consul.

V.U.C. RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB

Annual General Meeting

will be held on
Monday, March 14, 1955,
in Room A2 at 8 p.m.

All members and intending members are invited to be present.

Renovations to "Salient" room to the extent of £15 have been concluded and the room now compares favourably with Mr. Landreth's den. Walls and ceiling have been painted, and modern lighting introduced.

Orientation Week Controller is Miss P. Beck, who held the position last year.

Fencing

THE Swords Club Committee met last week and arranged an outline of activities for the forthcoming season. Most important decision made was to give over Wednesday night to instructing juniors and intermediates only, and to have instruction for seniors in all three weapons on Saturday mornings at 10 o'clock.

All members should note these dates:—

First meeting, Saturday, March 12, 10 a.m.

AGM, Wednesday, March 23, 8 p.m.

Beginners' night, Wednesday, March 30, 7.30 p.m.

Following the AGM on the 23rd will be a demonstration of fencing and a short talk outlining the sport for those who are interested but have no previous experience. A special welcome is extended to such people, who are urged to attend the AGM further information about which will be posted on the notice board.

For Freshers—ADVICE For Others—A REMINDER

I HAVE been asked to write a few words of welcome for the freshmen. Welcome, then, newcomers, to the University, whether you arrive with hunger for more Greek or more Latin, or with the smell of chemicals already on you, and eager for scissors and cyclotron.

May I tell you what you especially want to know? What will the first year be like? It will be first and foremost a year of discovery. If the root of the matter is in you, literature, for example, will become a new and entrancing domain. In my first year, I found Horace and Edmond Rostand; I can still read the epistles and Cyrano de Bergerac with the tang of that first revelation in the lines. And it was in my first year that I discovered Christ.

Do not dismiss that sentence as something unreal or inappropriate for print. All life has been coloured by the philosophy which has flowed from that discovery. Professor Butterfield of Cambridge in his remarkable book "Christianity and History," maintains that belief in God makes for "greater elasticity of mind." I do not make claim to such a quality, but I do insist that faith creates a mental stability without impeding or frustrating a genuine and a healthy search for truth.

Often young students under the strong impact of new ideas, overwhelmed by seeming authority, lose such faith as they have. Mine was the contrary experience. If you are worth your place in this community, your year of discovery will be a year of growth.

A True Faith

In the world of plants, unnatural growth unbalanced at the roots can produce the tree upon which poor Swift looked with fear, "withered at the roots." Faith forms a root system which, if healthy, promotes strong growth above. A true faith, held sanely, does not spoil, it stimulates the mind.

Second-hand Thinking

This year will be one of temptation, temptation to petulant rebellion. I do not wish to appear at all avuncular, but it is natural, to vary the

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"I HAVE heard frequent criticism within New Zealand of the New Zealand graduate," said Professor Soper, Vice-Chancellor of the University of Otago, in an address at Congress, Curious Cove. "Of course I have heard praise too. But the criticism is largely that the New Zealand graduate does not pull his weight in the community. We can all think of instances to the contrary, but if there is truth in the allegation, I would put it down to the fact that so many university students have had, during their most character forming years at the university, so little community life.

"I sometimes feel that we are spoiling the ship for a ha'porth of tar. We have our classrooms, libraries, laboratories, and our teaching staff. But I am sure we as students and staff, are not knit together as a community as we should be, and so we miss an essential part of our education. . . . Most centres need greatly expanded Union facilities, Unions of dignity and comfort, Unions where the students of all faculties can intermingle, where staff and students can meet and 'tire the sun with talking and send him down the sky.' . . ."

Professor Soper's full address will be printed in the next issue of "Salient," which will appear on Wednesday, March 23.

like to have the class before them accept everything they say. Please do not do so. I like to see you put down your pencil occasionally and look doubtful. Think with your own mind, and remember, that a philologist has authority only on philology, and is not even infallible in that.

And does this apply to a teacher of classics who preumes to write in this strain? Of course, except that for a generation now I have read classics, ancient history, Biblical criticism, the New Testament and its allied literature, and the newspapers of the weary and tormented secular world, without seeing any reason to doubt the validity of the Christian assumption.

The old ISS (International Student Service) Trust Fund account of approximately £270 has been closed and the money forwarded to World University Service (WUS) Dominion Committee in Dunedin, with the request that as much of this money as possible be spent on relief work for students in the South-East Asian area.

Mr. J. Whitta is Board and Accommodation Bureau Officer with Mr. J. G. Hutchison in second fiddle.

The author of this article is Professor E. M. Blaiklock, Professor of Classics at Auckland University College. We regret that owing to space limitations, the article has been abridged.—Ed.

figure, that you should be a little eager to try your wings. Unless you are fortunate enough to have parents who can put rings around you intellectually, you are going to feel something of a pundit in the home, a trifle superior intellectually, and the temptation will be to discard old tradition and old beliefs simply because they are your parents', and the heritage of another generation.

Urge to Rebellion

Do not be hasty. There is an urge to rebellion in the heart of youth. Turn its power on wrongs and errors worth rebelling against. Most vices are perverted virtues, and unpleasant rebels are sometimes crusaders going in the wrong direction.

Your second temptation is second-hand thinking. People who teach in universities, and people who write books which find their way into the university reading lists, are usually authorities in some branch of learning. That does not qualify them to speak with authority on spiritual matters.

University teachers are human. They try to be honest in their thinking and teaching for the most part, but sometimes they succumb to the "last insinuity of noble minds," and

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What Does I.U.S. Stand For?

One World Student Community

"THAT this Congress approves the principle of a single international student organisation in which students of all nations can meet in a world university community; and calls upon NZUSA to enter into the closest practical liaison with the I.U.S."

This resolution was carried by the Student Congress at Curious Cove with an overwhelming majority. Its handful of opponents labelled it as everything from "wishy-washy" to "pernicious," but it apparently expressed as closely as a resolution could the opinion of most Congressmen about the issue of international student bodies.

The question is a vexed one, and freshers would do well to at least get the initials all straight, because they will be hearing a lot more about them. NZUSA (the New Zealand University Students Association), the national body to which the six college student associations are affiliated, was formerly affiliated to IUS (International Union of Students). But in 1949-50 it severed its connection for several reasons, and has since joined a splinter group called CO-SEC (Co-ordinating Secretariat) which does not claim to be a full-fledged organisation at all.

IUS arose directly out of the enthusiasm of the Allied victory of 1945. To 1955's freshers, that will be a dim memory of babyhood, but let them be assured that in those days Big Four leaders were all talking the same language about peace, national independence, economic security, and social justice as the war aims of the United Nations.

Many so-called "western" student unions took part in the conference that formed IUS and framed its constitution. The New Zealand, Australian, and British unions were all there.

TOO POLITICAL?

When some New Zealand student leaders are complaining about the "too political" stand of IUS, it is interesting to read the list of aims written into the IUS constitution with New Zealand's approval. Supporting youth and students of "colonial and dependent countries fighting for their national independence," struggling for "the democratisation of education," resisting "Fascism," and "defending peace"—they are all in the constitution as integral aims of the IUS.

Up to a point IUS IS political, and it MUST be so. Its politics are limited to the interests and needs and aspirations of students; they go as far as those things dictate—no farther, and certainly they do not stop short. But remember that the conception of education AS A RIGHT for all human beings, (a conception commonly accepted in New Zealand), involves highly radical political attitudes in parts like South Africa, South East Asia, and the Middle East. And remember, too, that NATIONAL INDEPENDENCE is essentially tied up with cultural independence (as the East Bengal students have been discovering in their campaign of resistance against the imposition on them of a foreign language by the Karachi Government), quite apart from its being just Britain achieved and maintained her independence at the cost of much bloodshed from the days of Philip's armada to those of Hitler's blitzkrieg, and it ill behoves British students to condemn others who do the same.

There is some evidence, indeed, that many opponents of IUS disapprove of political action in itself less than they disapprove of the particular kind of political action in to which the aims of IUS inevitably lead it. In Britain, where the education system is less democratic than here, there is a larger proportion of university students who would be injured or affronted by such things as the extension of education facilities, granting of self-government to colonies, and other IUS aims. And these have led the split away from IUS.

THE TWAIN SHALL MEET

The impression is often created that IUS membership is restricted to the geographical "east" and/or the political "left." A brief review of the affiliates will show the fallacy of this impression. All South American states, all states of the Middle and Far East, all African areas where there are any educational facilities at all, and nearly all European states are represented, mostly by representative national

unions. Many unions which have also taken part in CO-SEC conferences, retain affiliation in full with IUS.

The chief aim of IUS, of course, is to unite students internationally. Now this very essential aim cannot be fulfilled if some unions secede from it just because they are pipped by some of its democratically-taken decisions. Even if joint action on some things became impossible (and there is no evidence that it has), IUS would still provide a valuable forum for ideas from both sides of the so-called "curtain." That, at least, was the conclusion of the British National Union of Students in requesting the setting up of a special brand of relationship with IUS called "associate membership."

NEW ZEALAND APART

Last year the Australian national union decided to keep sending delegates to IUS council meetings. The British National union voted in a student referendum to retain affiliate membership. The South African national union has consistently maintained its membership and close ties with IUS in spite of slight differences with certain aspects of policy. Of the Commonwealth countries ONLY NEW ZEALAND has cut itself off completely from this international tie.

If the majority of New Zealand students KNEW the facts of the case, they would certainly support a much closer association with IUS. But the majority do not know, and the responsibility for this lies less upon their own apathy than upon the uncommunicativeness of NZUSA's national officers, our local executives, and the inquisitiveness of student newspaper staffs.

The reasons given by NZUSA for disaffiliation from IUS were so feeble as to be scarcely taken seriously. Incidentally, the statement on why we disaffiliated was not made public for over a year after the decision was taken. It includes, among others even more paltry, the chief ones of distance and cost. IUS headquarters in Europe are too far away, and affiliation fees are too high. These excuses are imbecile in view of the advantages in cultural terms of the interchange available through IUS and no other body; through it we could extend travel and exchange to other countries than just the U.S. and Australia, we could participate in world university summer and winter sports, international conferences of specialists such as the Medical Students chinwag held in Oslo last August, help undenominational relief schemes like the students T.B. sanatorium in South East Asia, and generally improve our contact with the students of the world, and not of just part of it.

What have we got against these activities? What can the splinter CO-SEC offer that compensates in any way for the loss of this? —C.B.

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Until last year WUS did not exist at VUC, although there were branch committees at most of the other Colleges and very strong committees at CUC and OU. However, at the Easter Council meeting of NZUSA last year the following motion was passed:—

"That NZUSA support the activities of WUS especially in the field of relief and ask all the college executives to assist in the formation of local committees in their colleges where they do not already exist and to encourage all local WUS committee activities."

COLLECTION

The VUCSA Executive therefore appointed Miss D. Lescher to convene a meeting of interested parties and a temporary WUS committee was appointed. This committee held a collection in the College towards the end of the third term and the sum of approx. £32 was raised and remitted to the WUS Dominion Committee in Dunedin.

This year the temporary committee held a meeting at which it considered what form the permanent committee should take. It was considered that each of the religious clubs, the Socialist Club and the Executive should be entitled to appoint a representative to the new committee. The temporary committee also considered a programme of activities for 1955. It is intended to arrange a series of talks and lectures on current student and university problems to enable VUC students to gain some idea of the difficulties with which students in other countries are faced.

A dance will be held on April 1 to raise funds and it is hoped that it will again be possible to hold a collection in the college during the third term.

HUDSON CATERERS LTD. (in liquidation) who ran the Cafeteria last year under contract with the Students' Association, will not run it this year. The Executive decided, in view of possible financial commitments, to approach Tea Services Ltd. in the hope that they would be able to continue operation. Tea Services ran the Cafeteria until 1953. Under the general terms of a new contract, the Cafeteria will be rent-free and Tea Services will accept all of the profit, if any.

It has been impossible for the students to run the cafeteria as at CUC. The defects in the present system must be considered as necessary evils.

THE PROFESSORIAL BOARD made the following awards, at its meeting last month:

Sir Robert Stout Scholarship: D. G. Simmers.

Collins Prize in English Literature: English I, I. F. R. Routley and D. M. Brown.

N.Z. Institute of Chemistry Prize (Chemistry) I: J. L. Mansell

Butterworth Prize in Law (Roman Law): E. B. Robertson.

Rupert Fred Mackay Memorial Prize: E. B. Robertson.

Hunter Memorial Prize (Psychology): Jane Beaglehole and Carol Journet.

The College Council last month approved the following recommendations of the Professorial Board:—

Senior Scholarships: D. G. Simmers, Margot B. Ashwin, Jennifer F. Boivin, D. C. Thompson, Jeanette M. Scott, W. G. Malcolm.

Alexander Crawford Scholarship: Jane Beaglehole.

Archibald Francis McCallum Scholarship in Law: E. B. Robertson.

Engagement

ONCE again the executive appears to have devolved a full circle. Miss Barbara Haldane of the Association's Permanent Secretariat, has thrown caution to the wind. The honeymoon we believe will be spent bug-hunting. Lucky man is John Yaldwyn, who has completed researches in the Zoology Department for M.Sc. He will leave sometime in May for England, where he will spend six months studying shrimp and prawn collections there and on the Continent. He hopes to begin his Ph.D. at Victoria next year.

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