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SEX AND TECHNICIANS

in Staff-Student Debate

It is difficult to know what to say about this debate. The subject, "That the University should produce technicians rather than philosophers" was both hackneyed and ill-defined. The student team had apparently prepared their arguments carefully enough, but the staff, although brilliant in their own way made few attempts to deal with the subject. In the face of this what could the students do? They could be exasperated with their opponents for two minutes and then go on to their eight-minute prepared speeches . . . but the whole impression was not that of good debating. And then nobody would agree with anyone else about what the subject meant. It was all very confusing.

A SEX PROBLEM . . .

Professor Gordon (Aff) began. He was there, he said, under false pretences. He had been persuaded to speak believing the debate to be on a sex problem. . . . He told a joke (a lead which the affirmative speakers all followed), and went on to say that Philosophers cannot pull teeth or help people to have babies and that Universities have always in the past produced technicians. Cruden (Neg) defined philosophy as a whole, technology as a part, of knowledge. "The University is the guardian of truth and of our intellectual heritage."

Dr. Munz (Aff), agreeably wasted five minutes of his time and then went on to argue rather curiously that since technicians and philosophers were identically equal, if the Negative proved its case it also proved his. In that case he did not explain why he had come at all. Miss Thom (Neg) quoted Professor Gordon's published works. (Which Prof. Gordon later remarked "was like hitting below the belt. Now Miss Thom has written work for me . . .") Mr Braybrooke (Aff) rather disagreed with Dr Munz in speaking of the "great and yawning gulf between philosophers and technicians." He gave a short character sketch of Bishop Berkley and later concluded "that Socrates was really the schizophrenic alter ego of Plato."

BEES . . .

Doogue (Neg) made a justifiable attack on the "come closer, children and I'll tell you a story" type-of-attitude of the affirmative. Then he discussed bees (but not birds).

Thomas (Aff), the first speaker from the floor, spoke well, but not as well as in the last debate. I got the impression that he was more at home in a political subject. He emphasised that the University best fulfilled its obligation to society, which supported it, by producing technicians. Whitta (Neg) disagreed. Technology had been carried

too far (as in the H-bomb) and there was a need for men who were thinkers to control things.

STUDENT FACILITIES ?

Miss Jackson (Neg) said somewhere "I think a technician is really a philosopher." At this point Dr. Munz woke up, grinned happily, and interjected "That is what I said." Shaw (Neg) spoke for the need for philosophers in the University and mixing of students, indeed IMPROVED STUDENT FACILITIES!

An interesting speaker was de Cleene (Neg). He put the case for the lawyer. "Lawyers can learn the everyday life of the law courts there and in their offices. At University they learn of the unified concept of the law and what it means." Vere-Jones (Neg) said the question was of "wide education rather than narrow." Miss Le Fort (Aff) stressed the "production of technicians" side "because the problem before the world today is of a technical rather than a philosophical nature." Ah! Now we know. She went on "When philosophers sit down they have no end in view." Obviously!

Hubbard (Aff) aggressively asserted that technicians had built history. And Dawick (Neg) pleaded persuasively against the Huxleyan cold inhumanity to come perhaps with too advanced technology. Miss Mitcalfe (Neg) dwelt on the personal side. Then came Beeby (Neg) in a brilliant act in which he satirised, inter alia, Scotsmen and quasi-philosophers. It was not debating, however.

The last three speeches of Mummery, Gibbons, and Donovan (all Aff) were shortened as it was late. Cruden (vigorous) and Prof. Gordon (witty and irrelevant) summed up. Prof. Hughes (judge) gave the first three placings to Cruden ("who got in more swift ones better than anyone else."), de Cleene and Whitta. The motion was lost (42-48) on a vote of the whole house and lost (33-41) by vote of the Debating Club.—KEITH WALKER.



—Block courtesy "Student."

NEW SCM

CHAPLAIN

Off the Monowai on Monday, March 28 stepped the Rev. Alan Gray, his wife and their daughter. An English Anglican, married to an Australian Presbyterian, he has come to succeed the Rev. W. Gardiner Scott as SCM Chaplain in Wellington. He is a Cambridge man, M.A. with Firsts in Classics and Seconds in Theology, and has been connected with the Metropolitan Church Missionary Society, and St. John's College, University of Tasmania (as Warden and member of the University Council).

At present he is living at 37 Maxham Avenue, Hataitai, phone 81-481, and he wants to meet all students, at any time, to talk about any subjects.

TOURNAMENT

N.Z. INTER-UNIVERSITY

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Athletics (Men)	8	-	3	12
Athletics (Women)	1	1	-	2
Basketball	11	-	3	51
Boxing	2	5	2	1
Cricket	8	-	3	3
Rowing	11	-	3	9
Shooting	51	11	-	-
Swimming	6	11	11	10
Tennis	5	8	-	2
	361	161	151	421

OU 1st; AUC 2nd; VUC 3rd; CUC 4th.

SHOOTING

At the Ardmore Rifle Range, beyond the city, Victoria's team shot to second place (1060 points) in the Haslam Shield matches. Auckland won the event with 1098 points.

B. Braddurn was selected for the North Island team in the North v. South shoot. The VUC team contained six Massey men, and Brian Braddurn did his training at AUC. Among the individual scorers were Brooke (191) third, and Myers (186) fifth. Highest individual score was Larsen (AUC) with 207. The Victoria team won the first match closely from AUC. Members selected in the NZU team were S. Brooke, G. Latch and D. Myers.

NZUSNA

THE theme of the New Zealand University Student Newspapers Association's Easter council meeting held in Auckland during the N.Z. University Tournament was the aims, functions and future activities of the association. Considerable criticism had been levelled at this body from various sources, and it was considered that if the association could not form some programme of activities more constructive than in the past its future might be in jeopardy.

Important activities instituted at the meeting were:—

1. A regular inter-college newsletter scheme, to provide editors in each college with a more rapid news service than is possible merely by exchange of newspapers.

2. A complete coverage of tournaments by the newspaper of the home college, to be ready before departure of teams, as a check for other papers covering tournaments with a limited staff. (Auckland put this scheme into effect at Easter, and Cracum's sports Editor Jim Holdom and staff are to be congratulated on a really first-class comprehensive report of all activities, supplied to other college newspapers at short notice).

3. A scheme whereby each council meeting of the association be addressed by the editor of a commercial newspaper who should offer criticism and advice to University editors, based on a reading of college newspapers beforehand.

4. Although the co-operative block library scheme which had been discussed at previous meetings was considered impracticable, an agreement was made concerning a ready interchange of blocks between college newspapers.



SYLVIANNE COCKBURN as Miss Lovebody; DAVE CROWE as Shaik Mustapha Barani, "Sheik of the Desert", BOB O'BRIEN in the background. EXTRAV, 1955 ("The Happy Squanderer"), plays from Saturday, 7th to Thursday 12th May (inclusive) at the Opera House.

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Several readers have inquired whether or not "Salient" has a fixed policy. In reply to this, we suggest that one of the primary functions of the University is to produce in students a critical attitude of mind together with technical knowledge. This critical attitude should be applied by members of the University to their local, national and international affairs. At the college itself we find that the common rooms, the cafeteria, the gymnasium and the cloak rooms require considerable capital expenditure to bring them up to a minimum standard for relaxing in. The teaching staff is too small in proportion to the student body. Buildings are lacking. University teachers' salaries compare unfavourably with those overseas. The failure rate of first year, full-time students is causing little concern. Bursaries are not designed to keep pace with the rising cost of living. And, we have no student union building.

On a national level it appears that juvenile delinquency is on the rampant. Social Credit is a more or less unknown political factor. The Police Force is thoroughly dissatisfied with the system of promotion within its ranks. Mr Holland is sending 250 troops to Malaya. Our future school teachers have no incentive to take up that profession. The Government has not provided any economic safeguards against the obvious currency inflation. Import controls in the last three years have been lifted to a greater extent than they were in 1939. NZUSA want a student representative on Senate.

In the international field few people know what the situation in Malaya really is. Even fewer have made it their business to find out. German re-armament is being carried out. The current controversy between the United States and the United Kingdom foreign policy makers regarding Formosa is a matter which has not been considered in our columns. The Afro-Asian talks currently taking place in Bandoeng have brought forth no comments from readers. And, Asian nationalism has been barely touched upon.

These are but a few of the many factors which affect the student, whether he likes it or not, in the course of his daily life. University students, of all the people in the country, should be better able to give a sound commentary on all of these matters and many others besides. That they have not yet done so is in many ways an indictment of the students' so-called "critical attitude". We still believe that students are capable of presenting sound opinions on these matters although we feel there is a current attitude that every person who holds an opinion on a particular subject is in fact biased in that subject. True, there are a number of fence-sitters in this college, and the staff are not least among them. We are aware that a considerable number of students have, in fact, very sane and mature attitudes but we deplore the fact that few have expressed their ideas in written form through the columns of "Salient." There is, presumably, a reason for this. If "Salient" is to survive the many difficulties under which it is at present labouring we must have more expressions of readers' opinions. For the rest of the year if there is insufficient copy available from readers "Salient" will not be published. This is drastic policy, but we feel that it is the only way to overcome the handicaps involved.

"Salient" has existed since 1938. It then had a policy of critically dissecting current events. It is up to you then, readers. Upon you "Salient", 1955, stands or falls.

LAW MOOT

IN the Law moot held in the Auckland Magistrate's Court, the Victoria team (Trevor de Cleene and Graham Hubbard) beat a confident Otago team in an appeal from a decision of Slade J. in the Company Law case of Rama Corporation Ltd v. Proved Tin and General Investments Ltd.

Appearing for the appellants, the Victoria counsel made five submissions and in concluding his first address de Cleene appealed to the Court " . . . if your Lordships see fit to decide this case for the appellants, this Court will have done a

great service to practical 20th century businessmen." His Lordship Professor Northey added: " . . . but not to law!" The AUC team defeated the Victoria team in the final of the Law Moot, held in the Supreme Court before Mr. Justice Shorland.

The difference in points was small—only three points out of a possible 100—and Mr. Justice Shorland conceded that the presentation of argument was given better preparation by the Victoria team, de Cleene and Hubbard have no reason to be dissatisfied with their performance, especially in view of the fact that they were given no help in preparing the case.

SOCIALIST CLUB

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What is this club?

What does it do?

What does it mean to you?

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THE HOUSE... AND ALL THAT

WEIR SWALLOW (BEER AND SKITTLES!)

After a long trolley-bus journey and some optimistic promises to whoever forbade us to take any germ-killer, we arrived at the absolute terminus of the Karori Park line. Little more than an hour later Baron von Schroder and Capitalist Hume appeared followed by a straggling line of retainers and many bottles and cases of anti-tetanus.

South elected to field and the Baron opened with the redoubtable Mr. Huddleston against the slow bowler expressly requested by the former. After the first over Mr. Elmes, already pretty well inoculated came out to umpire and to discipline a bowler who had steadfastly ignored the Baron's requests for slow leg breaks. This bowler finally bowled eleven balls before he got tired and went away. "Over" said Mr. Carver who arrived at the bowler's end absolutely immune just in time for the third over.

Mr. Elmes went in for a drink.

Mr. Carver went in for a drink. Messrs. Schroder and Rich came out to umpire. Rich gave the next batsman out because he had left his cigarettes on the boundary. The one who brought them in was promptly run out but Rich was lighting a cigarette and Schroder was looking for a drink.

Schroder went in for a drink.

There was a general tendency to forget we were playing tippeny runs and time and time again the umpires had to tell the batsmen to run next time.

Schroder returned, asked the bowler to slow down, turned his back on a perfectly taken catch, allowed his third consecutive 7-ball over, started to leave the field for a drink but seeing Rich on sideline returned in disgust. The next batsman was caught out by Rich as he returned to the wicket. An appeal for l.b.w. was refused by Schroder under a dubious classification known as "bum ball."

Your correspondents left the field for a drink, beating Schroder in by a short head. Schroder returned to find that all the players were buying icecreams from a terrified urchin on the boundary.

North were all out 127 for 18 wickets with a tolerance of 10 per cent each way.

Schroder opened the bowling for North with slow ferocious long hops (bounce, bounce, bounce and scuttle) which invariably lured the frustrated batsmen out of their creases. The umpires had by now discovered that their nugs were safest just behind the middle stump. Mr. Willis was bowling in true underarm style, the bias being supplied by the umpires. On the strength of the next four Schroder ordered Mr. Sinclair out to the boundary 200 yards away. Mr. Anderson bowled as follows: wide, wide, no ball, wide, wide, single. Mr. Chamberlain, who had unaccountably found time to field and bat, on both sides as well as immunise himself, bowled a 2-ball over and went back to long stop to sleep it off.

You bumble-footed idiot, screamed Schroder to Carver, as that unfortunate person tried in vain to point out that he'd though he had to use his hands. Schroder's last ball was played on by the batsman. Mr. Powles (who had not gone off—he had a bottle with him) thought for a while and said "No ball" with some relish. Mr. Schroder went in for a drink and didn't come back. Mr. Hankins put himself on to bowl and Mr. Sinclair took 48 off the next six balls (6 sixes, 6 wides and a lost ball). Finally with the score at 268 for 19 declared it looked as if the tradition of the inevitable draw had at last been broken but at the last moment Schroder oozing waspish self-satisfaction from every pore announced that Sinclair was playing for North anyhow, or should have.

WHERE'S WEIR?

Just at the moment there is an ominous pause in House activity. Residents seem to be still suffering from some kind of torpor, possibly induced by the over indulgence in Easter eggs, or the desire to bury themselves deep in their books crying with the poet: "Hence vain deluding joys, etc." This is very laudable (the study, not the gluttony) but the slacking of corporate life is a serious matter, even if only for several weeks, and unless somebody does something soon, Weir is liable to acquire some semblance of respectability. A shocking thought.

WEIR WOLVES

Several weeks ago to the soft and sweet music of the sophisticated

Verne Clair Duo Housemen slunk round the dining room floor, which had been specially disinfected for the occasion. This was a somewhat more restrained affair than usual, though none the less enjoyable on that account. The floor show for the evening was given by none other than the "Inkspots," the Weir harmony group who this year have increased their numbers to achieve the dignity of a sextet. They gave us a simple but moving Gaudeamus, rattled the "Dry Bones" with exuberance, consorted with their little bright-eyed doll "Down by the Riverside" and concluded with the same "Show Me the Way to Go Home" that we heard echoing through the corridors at 2 o'clock in the morning for the fortnight preceding the dance. From time to time odd couples left the room, some to drink coke and listen to records in the discretely lit Common room. Others . . .

RUMBLINGS

The other day Mr. Ward convened a meeting of the Haeremal Committee to concoct some shrewd, witty and possibly coarse amusements for the public (but far more for Ourselves). The precise nature of these activities cannot at this moment be revealed. However, if you wake up on Friday morning and find yourselves without a Railway Station and maybe even without a government, don't be surprised but duck for THE NIGHT is coming.

WILL YOU SUPPORT THE PARTY WHICH PARTY? THE HAKA PARTY!

. . . which was the subversive notice put up by Comrades Ward, Perry, Elmes and Chamberlain who are also something called the Weir House Haeremal Committee. Dress-rehearsing for the good, solid, sinful chaos that is called Capping Eve by students and certain other things by certain other people they broached a plan which is a change from the usual keg.

This group, apparently moved by one of the twinges of conscience that seems to get under the skins of the Middle Class bourgeois parasites, decided to go down to Allen Street and give a bit of encouragement to the You-know-what Party which really doesn't get a fair spin. So the local cell grabbed every scarlet garment in the House and put on their best raffia skirts (Query: What does a Haka party man wear underneath his skirt?) and went to the dogs to give the hol-polloi a cheap thrill, and advertise Extrav. and all that sort of thing. You've no idea the amount of organisation that goes into these spontaneous rallies.

Whatever happened the word must have got around somehow because the other Party didn't turn up. Deprived of the opportunity to cheer a guaranteed anti-war monger until no one could hear him, the Houseman who came to watch (and you never saw a poorer fed, more underprivileged lot of unfortunates) bought a soapbox, and Mr. Gamby divided his attention between haranguing every dreg within earshot and keeping his balance until the Haka Party arrived and Comrades Perry was placed on the box where he spouted a lot of deviationist reactionary propaganda for a bourgeois intellectual misuse of the rightful property of the workers called Extravaganza. The loyal comrade then called for three cheers for the Queen, which were given by a large number of infiltratory capitalistic pigs and tools of the ruling classes present. The proletariat then joined enthusiastically in one-and-a-half cheers for Comrade Beria, sorry, Comrade Malenkov, sorry . . . and three silent cheers for the speakers.

GALS, GALS, GALS...

REPERTORY FRESHMEN AND "THE YOUNG AND THE FAIR"

Waal, point is guess ah could jest abart thrown a nicka on th' stage and walked rart art ett th' end of th' ve-ery first scene. Mercifully, at that point the American accent was almost dropped, and except for occasional adenoid trouble when sarnbudy lost track of what was happening and felt it incumbent upon her to remind us that we were witnessing a psychological drama of conflict between freshmen and sophomore in Brook Valley Academy (a girls' junior college, not far from Boston, Mass., U.S.A.) we were spared further agony. Now don't get me wrong. It wasn't such a bad sort of play and suitably adapted it certainly could be quite good enough for serialisation in "Girls' Crystal". (I cast no aspersions whatever on that thoroughly wholesome publication). Nevertheless it was only with the greatest self-control that I was able to refrain from throwing things when I was obliged to sit through such dialogue as—Little Sister: "Oh Fran (short for Frances), we never used to quaaral like this before." Big Sister: "Waal, let's have no more quaarals, Dumpling." (Of course they did.)

However on the credit side the cast often came very near to overcoming the script, and at times there were cameo of acting which deservedly drew spontaneous applause. In particular, the depth of expression in the eyes and hands of Jennifer Opperman, acting a frightened, neurotic girl who indulges in kleptomania to prove to herself that she is not a coward, showed such a complete integration with her part that I am still wondering whether she managed to recover or whether the inevitable psychiatric treatment drove her into a mental asylum.

Though no-one else carried quite that degree of conviction there were a number of very good performances. Claire Mazengarb was excellent as

Big Sister, (a type which I am sorry to confess revolts me in the extreme); Lee Brewer, playing the sensitive little Jewess girl who is afraid of further anti-Semitic persecution, was delightful; Elise Petrie, the villainess of the piece, was good; Mary Webb was well cast as the forthright, jolly-decent room-mate (and little sister) wrongfully-accused-of-stealing-from-her-pals; and Paddy Hight gave a vivid portrayal of the tired, broken headmistress, striving pathetically to get an endowment to free her school from the tyrannical Board of Trustees who were liable to throw her out on her ear at the least sign of "incompetence." The set was clever and other parts were not badly acted, but perhaps enough said.

—J. DAWICK.

In Reply to O'Brien...

IUS Reaches Over the Iron Curtain

Having been accused of "smear tactics" and of uttering "hosts of errors" and things which are "grossly untrue", I feel called upon to reply to Mr O'Brien's article in Salient of April 6. IUS emerges from Mr. O'Brien's assault as little scathed as it did from his earlier assault at Curious Cove. On that occasion, his audience responded by carrying a resolution in favour of closer liaison with IUS.

Firstly, Mr. O'Brien defends Co-Sec on the grounds that it is not really pro-imperialist, because it passes resolutions in favour of "moral support" for students fighting for national independence. I never denied that Co-Sec did pass such resolutions. I said, in fact, that Co-Sec members agreed to similar sentiments being expressed in the preamble to the IUS Constitution which they helped to draft. What I did deny is that these folk are in favour of putting such sentiments into practice. I suggested that it was just because IUS was so "political" as to want to put them into practice, that these folk led the secession from IUS, and the formation of Co-Sec.

"MORAL SUPPORT"

Words are cheap. So is "moral support." Does Co-Sec approve the kind of "moral support" for national independence expressed by the war of terror engaged in by British troops in Malaya and Kenya under cover of minor disturbances and popular discontent? Do they approve the kind of "moral support" for national independence expressed by the obliteration

of self-government in British Guiana, Guatemala, and East Pakistan under cover of imaginary "Communist plots"? If not, why don't they say so?

Mr O'Brien feelingly adds that Co-Sec has also given material support in the form of scholarships to colonial peoples. So far, so good. But does Co-Sec forget that what colonial peoples need, in compensation for being looted by the West for so long, is not charity? It is the right to help themselves, to build up their own structure of nationhood in self-respect, and demolish the framework of corruption and piracy bequeathed by colonial rule.

"COMINFORM TOOL?"

In passing, Mr. O'Brien makes reference to "North Korean aggression," ignoring the fact that who aggressed against whom has never been investigated. Foreign Office Far Eastern expert Sir John Pratt has assured the reading world that the aggression was Syngman Rhee's, and certainly that gentleman's subsequent utterances and activities make that seem very likely. The only hand IUS ever took in the

Meeting Decides That...

Armed Forces Should Not Be Sent to Malaya

There were no brilliant speeches in this first debate. None of the four main speakers was able to show that he understood the situation in Malaya even adequately. The facts had to come out slowly, almost painfully, as each speaker from the floor did his bit.

On the other hand there was some vigorous speaking, a heartening show of disparate ideas, some laughs, competent judging, and supper.

The subject: "That New Zealand should send strong forces to Malaya." Hubbard (aff.) opened, and after one or two false starts ("That this house should send strong forces...") he got going. Beaming a milk of human kindness beam he said we must not send lambs to meet wolves, and that we must give Malaya time. Time, please gentlemen. Bollinger (neg.) turned down this idea of sending lambs. Why not the Commissioner of Police, or New Zealand's cricket team? Self-proclaimed moralist, he discussed the ethics of New Zealand's intervention, and its effect on the peoples of Asia. After all, the so-called terrorist movement was "purely a Nationalist movement."

Edwood (aff.) came to some interesting conclusions, among them that "all dialectic discussion is now useless." He may have qualified this; most of what he said was lost in a barrage of interjections. His frequently repeated "If Malaya goes..." was greeted with joyous shouts of "where!"

From the floor came first Thomas (neg.), who, as a new speaker, was heard without interruption. He sounded much better by comparison with the speakers before, and was much more convincing. His point, made well, was whether the Malays or the New Zealanders had the right to determine Malaya's future.

From Whitta (aff.), quiet and confident, came the fact that the terrorists formed a very small proportion of Malaya's population, and Beaglehole (neg.) countered that because we are making such a mess in this matter we are driving many people to terrorism.

Dawick (neg.) in "cosy fireside-chat style" called the proposed N.Z. help a "mere political postcard to the West to let them know we support their policy." New Zealand may further alienate the people of Asia who are already grouping us as colonial exploiters. Shaw (neg.) presented a special "economic" intervention (akin to the Colombo Plan) as more useful than military intervention to keep back Communism. Larsen (aff.) made a determined and not unsuccessful attempt to expose some of the legion inconsistencies from the speakers of the negative. He was not so happy when it came to making a better case for his side.

Striking a Grecian pose (?) and apparently undisturbed by lion-like growls (the British lion) from Edwood, or shocked reproof ("Miss Munro questions my morality!") from Hubbard, Miss Munro (neg.) proceeded from faux-pas to faux-pas with gay abandon—"How can there be as many terrorists today as there were ten years ago? Where do they all come from?" (Cries of "the facts of life!"). Cruden (aff.) was, I feel, the best speaker. He defended the motion vigorously. To clear out of Malaya would leave a vacuum only to be filled by the Communists. If we give Malaya internal peace first, then we can make it independent.

Other speakers were Rodet (aff.) and Mummery, Doogue, and Powles (neg.) The motion was lost on a vote of the whole house (14 for, 27 against) and lost on a vote of the Club (12 for, 24 against) Mr. Milburn, who judged, gave the first three placings to Bollinger, Cruden and Thomas.—Keith Walker.

Sir Carl Berendsen at the Catholic Students Congress, thinks we can help peace by getting to understand only those people who agree with us.

As to "political bias," what sort of objectivity is likely to be represented by the "Ford Foundation" which paid the fares of delegates to the Co-Sec conference at Constantinople—including that of Mr O'Brien?

Just how astray Co-Sec is in its dealing with colonial student problems was shown by the report of Indonesian delegate Busono on the Copenhagen Conference in 1953. Nearer home, the irresponsibility of New Zealand Co-Sec supporters was shown in the very brief report of the VUC delegate at the same conference. It included a long passage sneering at IUS, and an admission that he had made a speech at the Conference while drunk, attacking the SCM. The same gentleman, though elected by the students to attend an IUS conference, failed to attend it or notify his inability to attend.

Mr. O'Brien's peroration about "students of the democracies" can only be meant as a joke. Mr. O'Brien knows very well that what he understands by "democracies" are a few countries—not more than 15—on the North Atlantic and the South Pacific. And the vital interests of the students of these countries are bound up with peace, which necessitates shaking hands across the curtain that divides East and West. Co-Sec enables us to meet only the students of the motley of fascisms and feudalisms claimed by the United States as "allies".

Only IUS opens wider doors.—C.B.

[As this verbal debate appears to concern only Messrs. O'Brien and "C.B." (despite the motion passed at Congress), the correspondence will close next issue with Mr. O'Brien's reply. It is the last time he will be so naive to take a Congress motion as meaning anything to those who voted for it.

Vive la Université!—ED.]

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Introducing the annual budget which requested an increase of the capitation fee from £3 to £4/4/- per 50 students in constituent organisations, Mr. E. Ireland chairman of the Council mentioned that the present fee of £3 amounted to 1/8 per student. NUAUS fees amounted to 5/3 per student.

The cafeteria at CUC, which now sells cigarettes and chocolates, last year showed a loss of £45—in the words of Mr. Douglas, CUC's leader, "This represents a record year for CUC cafeteria."

"You wake up the following morning and realise the ghastly mistakes you have made", said Mr. M. J. O'Brien at NZUSA Council meeting. He was asking that a comparatively early time for adjournment be set.

From and including 1956, NZUSA Congress will be limited to seven days, from Friday to Friday, instead of the ten days as previously. The purpose of this shortening was to keep costs of Congress down. Congress controller for 1956 is Miss Caroline Curtis of CUC. Congress will be held from January 20-27 1956.

Of the Congress resolutions presented to NZUSA, no college took up any motion with the exception of resolution, relating to dissemination of information which was noted, and numbers 8, 9 and 10, which were referred to the incoming Congress committee, as procedural motions.

On the matter of bursaries, Mr. M. J. O'Brien reported that proposals of the Education Department were at present being considered by the Treasury.

NZUSA has suggested in a memorandum to the Education Department that boarding bursaries be renewed each year on the basis of each full-time student passing three equivalent stage I arts units each year. The Education Department considered that this standard was too high.

Other recommendations made in the memorandum included:—

- No means test.
- Bursaries to be awarded by merit on the results of special examination at university level, but not before matriculation.
- A yearly increase in individual bursaries.
- The abolition of special bursaries.
- Contract bursaries to remain as they are.
- The number of boarding bursaries to be increased to 150 per year (NZUSA had previously recommended 200 per year).
- Scholarships to be increased in value by £10.
- The student living at home and in receipt of a bursary to receive an additional £10.
- A special assistance fund of the value of £5000 to be set up from which special bursaries and scholarships could be awarded after consideration of applicants by a special committee.
- Bursaries awarded by other departments to be continued.

ASIAN HISTORY HONOURS

DISCUSSING the matter of the Asian History option proposed to College professorial Boards, as a part of the syllabus for the History honours papers, Mr. M. J. O'Brien of resident executive, NZUSA, stated that all colleges had indicated that, although they were in favour of the scheme, and the scheme was desirable, the University of New Zealand lacked both the trained staff and the library facilities for teaching Asian history at all.

More money would be needed by the University before any such subject could be taught at the College level. There was also some discussion on the question of which was more desirable, study of the translated documents (or study) of the originals. The latter would involve considerable expense.



P. Joyce (VUC) winning the 3-mile event from G. Stevens.—Block Courtesy "Auckland Star".



Shirley Thomson (VUC) in the Women's 80 Metres Hurdles. She won.—Block Courtesy "Auckland Star".

Fresher Eligibility

Requesting that the Council vote for a motion which would allow freshers to compete in Easter Tournament, the CUC delegation through Malc. Douglass gave four main reasons in favour of their proposal. First, the first year student was the potential leader in student affairs, and it was therefore desirable to gain his interest early. Secondly, freshers constituted the largest single class of students in the university, and should be treated as their importance warranted. Thirdly, first impressions of freshers were most important—fresher eligibility would in effect induce these students to play for the university summer sports clubs. Fourthly, claimed CUC, by refusing to allow first-year students to compete in tournament, colleges were in effect cutting across the purpose and spirit of orientation.

Referring to the problem of "ring-ins", CUC thought that this would be virtually eliminated, and in reply to criticism of fresher's immaturity, made two points, first that whether the charge that freshers would be corrupted by tournaments was true or not, the blame lay at the feet of NZUSA Council and secondly, that the Council underestimated the power of the first-year student to differentiate between right and wrong.

Mr. Douglass suggested that freshers warranted the same privileges as the rest of the student community.

VUC's delegation, led by Mr. Galvin, wanted students in their first year to give some indication of their willingness to play for a University club before they were eligible for Easter tournaments. To this end, they proposed that freshers would not be deemed eligible unless they had played before Easter for the University College in whose district they had resided for the previous year.

This scheme was called unjust by Mr. M. J. and K. B. O'Brien. CUC's remit was eventually carried.

WATCH OUT, "SALIENT"

In retaliation against a column in the University of British Columbia student newspaper, the "Ubyssay", which had accused engineering students of "general apathy", a mob of engineering students raided the offices of the "Ubyssay". They took away two editors, typewriters, files, the office door, and burned 1000 copies of the newspaper. University officials promised an immediate investigation, and said that drastic measures will be taken. (The Manitoban, Winnipeg).

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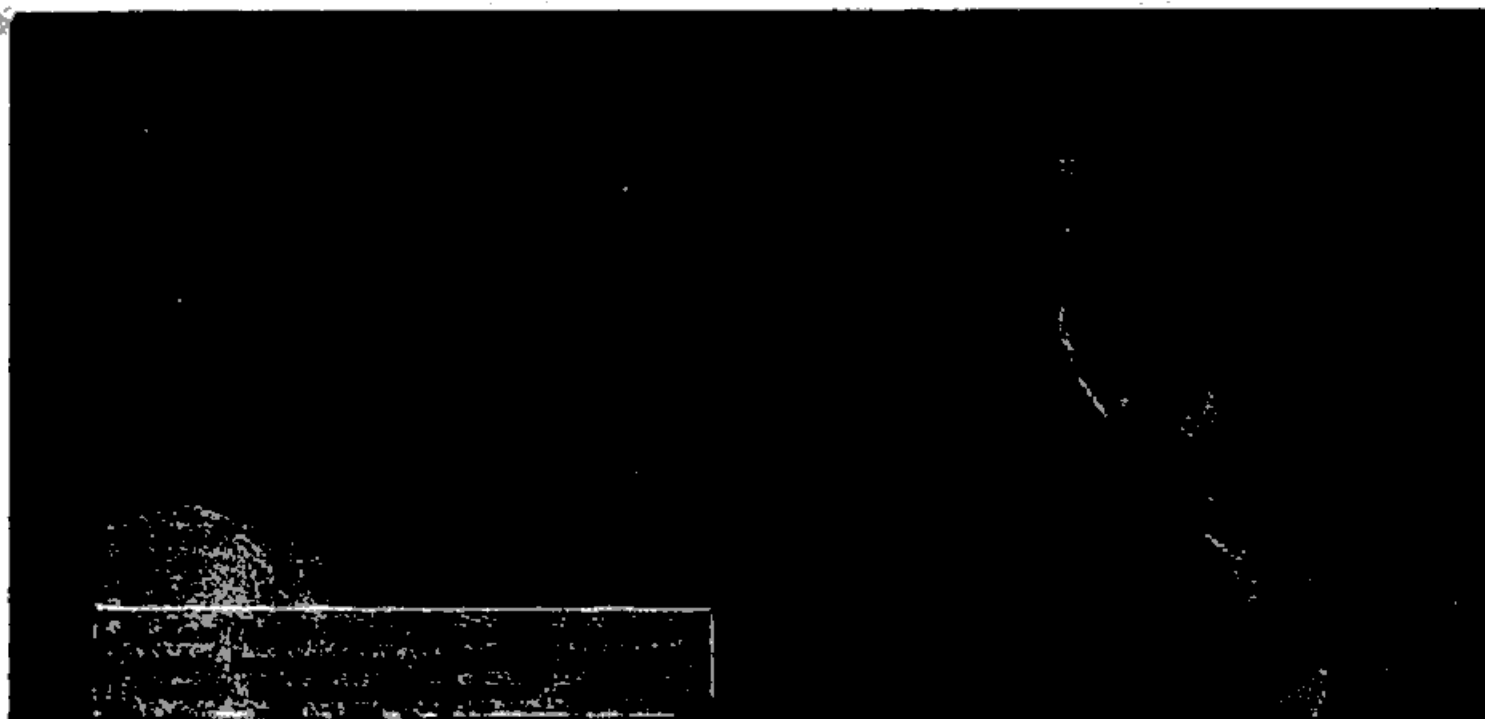
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TENNIS

At the Stanley Street courts in Auckland the Victoria tennis teams dominated play in four out of the five championships, and Auckland newspapers rightly described the matches as being of a very high standard. In the first round of the Men's Singles Larry O'Neill lost to Woolf of Auckland 3-6, 1-6, while Barry Boon had little difficulty in beating Player also of Auckland 6-3, 8-6.

After beating Nicholson (OU) last year's Men's Singles champion 6-2, 6-4, Barry moved on to the final of the championship where he met Brian Woolf in what proved to be the most exciting match of the Tournament. Both players were in top form, but Barry seemed to find initial difficulty with the 18-year-old Aucklanders' first few service games.

In spite of the fact that Woolf broke through to lead at 5-3, Barry fought back and evened at five all, eventually taking the first set 9-7. Superior match experience and ability on the part of Boon in the second set were the decisive factors in breaking Woolf's confidence, and Barry took the set 6-2.

In the Ladies' Singles Championship Val Henderson of Victoria lost to Raewyn Dickson, Auckland's trump player 4-6, 2-6. Betty Nelson carried on the battle for VUC winning her first match against Miss Ower of CUC 6-2, 6-1, and her second against Miss Teat of Auckland 6-1, 6-1. In the final match against Miss Dickson, Betty played an extremely sound type of tennis to win the Ladies' Singles title in straight sets, 6-4, 6-1.



—Block Courtesy "N.Z. Weekly News".

The Men's Doubles Championship was an even greater triumph for Victoria, the final match being between Larry O'Neill and Alan Robinson of VUC and Barry Boon and Tom Eichelbaum also of Victoria. On the day the former pair were a better combination and won 6-3, 7-5.

In the Women's Doubles we saw June Lee and Barbara Little loose after a determined stand to Misses McEwen and McLure of Otago, 6-2, 2-6, 2-6. Betty Nelson and Val Henderson combined well to the final match where they met and deservedly defeated the CUC pair Misses Allen and Ower 6-2, 7-5.

Both Victoria teams won their first round matches in the mixed doubles but were unable to win the second round matches. After beating Miss Westgath and Keenan of Canterbury, 6-1, 6-4, June Lee and Tom Eichelbaum went down to the Otago players Miss McEwen and Little 2-6, 4-6. Alan Robinson and Barbara Little had a similar experience, winning against a Canterbury team in the first round 6-3, 6-3, and in losing their next match to Aucklanders Raewyn Dickson and Brian Woolf. The latter pair then successfully contested the final of the mixed doubles Championship.

Without exception the Victoria team acquitted themselves in a most creditable manner. To them must go the congratulations of the College.

ROWING

In the fours, Victoria beat CUC to come third; and beat Auckland in the eights to come third. VUC also gained third place in the double sculls. The performance put up by the team is creditable, although a lot of work has yet to be done by the Club. Rowers appeared to be more at home in the Central than in the boat.

—Block Courtesy "N.Z. Weekly News".



B. Boon, Senior Tournament Delegate and President of Weir House Association, who won the Tennis Singles title at Easter Tournament.

BOXING

Victoria won the boxing. We won the light-, light middle- and heavy-weight titles.

D. Law in the lightweight division had a bye in the first round, and on Saturday evening beat C. Gribben (O) on points. It was a wild brawl and looked more like a wrestling bout.

In the welterweight division, G. Tait in the preliminaries beat S. Taylor (A) by TKO in the 3rd round, but he was beaten on points in the final by D. Prendergast (O). Light-middleweight Jim (Sweaty) Hutchison won on points against B. Garden (C) in the prelims, and TKO'd Mike Morrice of Auckland in the final (3rd round).

Heavyweight W. Whinneray TKO'd Auckland W. Tawhai in the third round of the prelims, and slogged on to crunch gallant Ian McDougall (C) by a KO in the 3rd round.

S. Salli v. I. McDougall (CUC) was the first fight of the evening. Salli was strong, and compact; McDougall tall and rangy. Sam moved in, undismayed by reputation. He both gave and took some hard punches but gradually Ian's speed and skill told, and Salli became slightly slower. At the end McDougall was a clear points winner.

H. Mosaed (V) v. D. Tee (A) (light welter). Mosaed was the reigning champ. having won this weight for the last two years. Both had won their prelims. by TKO's.

*The first round started very quietly and there was very little action except for occasional flurries in which Tee got slightly the better of exchanges in the clinches. The second round opened with a little more action. Both boys were fighting very skilfully and quite a few hard punches were exchanged with Mosaed on the receiving end more often than not. This was really first class boxing with both boys moving very fast.

The third round opened well with Tee now definitely moving faster and doing very well in the clinches. He seemed to be thinking a lot more and much faster than Mosaed and was by now definitely on top, though neither could be considered beaten at this stage. In the fourth round Tee did all the attacking. Mosaed seemed

BASKETBALL

ALTHOUGH Victoria did not win a game in the Tournament Basketball, four of their number were selected to play in the North Island team, while another was a reserve. The girls were A. Smith, D. Devereux, S. Abercrombie and P. Timmis, who played in the team, and V. Fraser, who was an emergency forward.

In the Tournament games, Victoria were defeated by Otago 16-7, Auckland 21-11, and Canterbury 20-19. This last game was said to be the most interesting of the Tournament, Canterbury winning out in a close and exciting finish.

In the Victoria team, the forwards were rather inconsistent in their under the hoop play, while far too many passes went astray in all three sectors of the court, to allow the team to go on and win a match. S. Abercrombie was perhaps the outstanding player in the side, defending ably at all times. She and P. Timmis also provided a good defence combination for the North Island team.

SWIMMING

Third equal with CUC in the swimming events for Tournament Shield, VUC wins are broken down as follows:—

100yds Women's Freestyle: 1st heat won by J. Twigg in 70.5 secs; final won in 70.8 secs.

220yds Men's Freestyle heats and 100yds freestyle: R. Routley 2nd.

100yds Women's backstroke: 2nd heat, B. Watkins 2nd.

100yds Men's Breaststroke, 2nd heat: T. Verhoeven 3rd.

50yds Women's Freestyle 1st heat: J. Twigg 2nd; she won the final in 31.5 secs.

In water-polo, VUC was beaten by all comers; CUC 4-0, AUC 5-2; OU 8-0. Verhoeven gained selection in the NZU polo team.

NZU Blues awarded:—

Athletics: W. R. Belcher (C); B. K. Cameron (C); T. Henshall (O); H. Hillman (A); P. Joyce (V); D. Smith (A); Miss P. Butchers (O).

Basketball: Miss P. Butchers (O); Miss F. Fillery (A); Miss E. Higgins (O).

Boxing: M. Mosaed (V); D. Tee (V).

Rowing: D. McDonald (O); J. Sinclair (O); C. J. Sewell (C).

Shooting: I. R. Larsen (A); T. Mercer (C); R. Kingsley (C).

Swimming: J. Bromfield (C); T. Eagle (A); P. Garratt (C); J. Hamilton (V); P. Heim (A); R. Leek (O); L. Ronald (O).

Water Polo: R. Leek (O).

Tennis: B. R. Roon (V); Miss B. Nelson (V).

(Cricket Blues are not included).

ATHLETICS

The performance of P. Joyce in winning both the one mile and the three mile events, and creating a new record in the latter was creditable; his wins were convincing and well-merited. The performance of Shirley Thompson in winning the 80 metres hurdle also is to be commended. Following are the breakdown of events in which VUC gained places:—

Women's 75yds: E. Crisp 3rd.

Women's 200yds: E. Crisp 2nd.

Women's Discus: P. Barraclough 2nd; J. Young 3rd.

4 x 110yds Relay: Victoria 2nd.

Invitation Shot-putt: P. Barraclough (V) 2nd.

1 mile: P. Joyce 1st (Time 4 22.8).

3 Miles: P. Joyce 1st; G. Stevens 2nd (Time 14 49.2).

4 x 440yds Relay: Victoria 3rd.

1 Mile Walk: I. Lyon 2nd.

Final points in the Men's Athletics were: Otago 81; Auckland 54; Canterbury 28; Victoria 17.

In the Women's Athletics: Otago 40; Auckland 22; Victoria 16; Canterbury 0.

Thus Victoria came last equal with CUC in the Athletics, both with 3 points in Tournament shield for Athletics.

to be content to keep out of range. Tee was declared the winner on points.

The highlight of the Saturday evening bouts however was the fight between Tee of Auckland and Mosaed of Victoria. Mosaed, an experienced fighter who has won his weight in the last two years was up against a boy who had not fought in a Tournament before and is only 17. Tee, fighting very skilfully, gave a really first-class exhibition of boxing as it should be done and was declared the winner on points.

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SPORTS PAGE

Soccer ...

Prospects for 1955

The season got away to a flying start last week when the seniors accounted for Petone Settlers by two goals to nil in a close game. While the defence gave the coach many anxious moments the forwards combined well enough in some neat passing movements. There is no reason why this forward line should not become a forceful scoring unit.

This year the club is fortunate in having a core of non-playing officials who are able to devote their energy to the tedious business of organising teams and matches. The Committee managed to arrange six practice games which served as a useful guide in the selection of the teams. Mr. R. (Bob) Cocks is once again coaching the senior team and training is in the capable hands of Mr. W. Landreth whose P.T. sessions have been well received by the players. Former NZU Blue and senior skipper, Ernie Harris conducts the ball work in the gym.

TWO LOSSES

From last year's Senior team the only two losses are inside forward John Parsons and present Club-Captain Bal Reddy, who has had a cartilage operation recently. Goalie Les Page, who has served the Club faithfully for the past three seasons has shown excellent early season form and should be in the running for representative honours. After a year's absence for business reasons former NZU Blue and one of the foundation members of the Club, Colin Richardson is already making his presence felt and was a popular choice as captain of the First XI. Among the halves the most prominent player is expected to be Bill Aldridge, NZU Blue of last year and at centre-half the mainstay of last season's Senior team. In between games Bill is managing to fit in some military training at Ohakea. At left half Peter Preston, brother of Alan, has shown great improvement already. He is expected to become a first-class wing-half very soon.

Led by dashing centre-forward and vice-captain, chunky Joe Phillips, the forward line should be one of the strongest in Wellington. Joe gives a 100 per cent performance every time he steps out on the field and will no doubt inspire his forwards to great heights. Three times NZU Blue Alan Preston who was the first NZU player to represent New Zealand, has years of good football left in him and if he overcomes a tendency to hold the ball a little overlong is capable of making many openings for the

other forwards, some of whom are among the fastest in Wellington.

The other 3 forwards are all newcomers to the Club. Peter Marsland from Seatoun is a robust and intelligent player who should go well with Phillips. At the moment Peter is placed at outside right. Perumal Naidu, having had considerable experience in Fiji, is fitting in satisfactorily with the rest of the team and has already revealed some very fine touches as inside left as well as speed and ability to shoot with both feet. A pleasing feature about his game is his penchant for jumping several feet off the ground to head the ball.

Another young player, Ian Barclay, who came to us from Diamond, has the makings of a really good outside left. He is a good shot with either foot and possesses a useful turn of speed as well as a unique and mystifying body swerve not often seen in this country.

Although the main problem of the selectors this season will be the finding of class reserves to fill any gaps caused by injury, the Second XI promises to weld into a useful combination under the guidance of Ivor Jones and Ron Mandel, the latter having played for the First XI last year. Newcomers who are likely to impress in this team are inside right Ron Easthope and outside right Jim Chambers. Michael Clements is a tenacious young player who is likely to improve with more play. There is also the ever dependable Dave Laws who did well at the NZU Tournament in 1953.

As for the Third XI, once again Jim Denton is expected to be the back-bone of this team. One new player who should go places is Phillip Dooman, who has had goal-keeping experience in 1st Division Football in Holland. Paul Compton is a useful player at fullback. So is Chris Louis at centre-forward, having played most of his football in Cyprus. The main problem in this team seems to be the difficulty of getting all the players to turn up on time for the early start.

SWORDS CLUB

THE A.G.M. of the Swords Club, held recently, was attended by about 20 people, of whom about half were old enthusiasts from previous years, among them Peter Hampton—NZU's only representative at the Empire Games last year.

The retiring club captain, Mr. Ian Free, was in the chair and it was with regret that we accepted his statement that he could not stand for this year's captaincy, due to a change in occupation. At the nomination of Mr. Free and with universal consent Tim Beaglehole was elected club captain for 1955. Other officers elected were:—

Vice-Captain: Allan Wilson.

Sec.-Treas.: Diana Fussell.

Committee: Miss Jo Pyne, Messrs Tony Ellis, Chris Beeby, Dave Watson.

Tribute was paid to the club's president and coach Mr. N. St. J. Dickson, who later spoke on the subject of fencing with particular reference to the coaching of juniors.

There were discussed several matters of considerable importance and interest. Closer relations with the Provincial and National Councils were advocated; Tournament grading was discussed, and a trip to Christchurch was hinted at.

It seems that there is an enjoyable season ahead of us, which we hope will terminate as successfully as last year's with a win at Otago in Winter Tournament.—A.A.T.E.

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PROSPECTS FOR THE SEASON

TABLE TENNIS CLUB

THE AGM was held on Thursday, April 21. The club captain Ron Barber mentioned in his annual report that last season was the most successful in the club's history. The club had had thirteen teams in the interclub competitions, and had won the Jackson Shield for the club with the most points. The A grade team performed well, and finished fourth in the competition.

The winter tournament team was to be congratulated on its success in winning all events. An important feature of the season had been the amalgamation of the club with the Weir House Table Tennis Club.

The following officers were elected:—

Club Captain: A. D. Robinson.

Secretary: N. R. Woods.

Treasurer: E. Lamb.

Committee: Men, R. Grubi, R. Holland, F. Fox. Women: B. Watkins, G. Kerr and G. Hemery.

PROSPECTS

The club looks forward to a successful season. With probably fourteen teams this year we have a good chance of retaining the Jackson Shield for the interclub competitions, won by VUC last year for the first time. The club is by far the largest in Wellington and probably in New Zealand.

The standard of play is the highest it has ever been. Whereas three years ago there were hardly five players of B grade standard, this season there are about 25. We propose to have one A grade team, one A reserve, two B grade teams and probably two teams in every grade down to G.

The A grade team this season consists of Alan Robinson, NZU singles and doubles champion and a semi-finalist in the 1955 Wellington men's singles; Dave Marple, a well performed player in Tournaments over the last three seasons; Dennis Catley, a newcomer, who has played A grade for Technical for two seasons, and Rex Davis, a player who is a danger to the very best players. Dave is the only member of the team who is not playing with sponge rubber on his bat. There are no real weaknesses in the team, either in the singles or doubles combinations. We expect it to be highly placed in the competition this year.

The A reserve team will probably consist of Roly Woods, Herman Catell, Colin Deacon and Rod Grubi. None of these use sponge. We are hoping for two A grade teams next season and whether we do have two depends upon the success of these two. Present indications are that it will come very close to winning the grade.

It should be mentioned that two members of the club, Tony Darroch and Alan Robinson, have been elected to the executive of the Wellington Table Tennis Association, where it may be certain they will look after the club's interests.

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RUGBY HOPES

WITH the Rugby season already under way, the time has come to review Victoria's prospects of annexing the Jubilee Cup, symbol of club supremacy, for the fourth year in succession. Their task will certainly be harder than in the last three years. This is mainly due to the overall increase in strength of the city's senior clubs. Varsity will have to get a lot more ball than in previous years if they are to make a showing against teams which have really heavy packs and capable backs. This has been the team's major worry in past seasons, and could hinder their progress against the stronger clubs this year.

WHAT OF PETONE?

These were the main points made by Dr. Ken Uttley, coach of the Varsity team, in an interview with "Salient" after the Eastern Suburbs game recently. When asked for his opinion of the Petone side, favoured in the local press to win the competition, Dr. Uttley said, "An extraordinarily good side, with fast backs and big heavy forwards." Petone the side

to beat? ... "They will be one of the sides we will have to beat," Dr. Uttley replied.

"When the team first won the Cup in 1952, we were getting about thirty per cent of the ball from set play. This has sufficed over the last three years owing to excellence in other phases of play, but this year we are going to need a lot more to beat the other strong sides in the grade."

Other points made by Dr. Uttley were the loss of valuable players in McLean, Battell, Burden, Bremner, and Oliver; and the fact that, were there any injuries in the side the gaps would be filled by capable players.

However, tough though the going may be, the Varsity team will be well to the fore in the competition and this writer would not be in the least surprised if they carry off the Cup once more. With a strong nucleus of experienced veterans in the team and plenty of new material, the side should blend into a strong and proficient side.

News From The Gym

The common rooms of the College have long been the subject of criticism. Unattractive, uncomfortable, unfriendly, they offer little opportunity for relaxation between lectures. As a place for students to meet and talk and laugh they are particularly depressing. The gymnasium building is not much better but here at least it is possible to create a pleasant and friendly atmosphere through the playing of games.

Despite the gloom and the accumulated grime the gymnasium is seldom silent or empty from mid-day till evening. Students unable or unwilling to attend regular classes in various activities of the Physical Education programme frequently visit the gym to play some of the games made possible by the provision of equipment.

Most popular of the indoor games is Padderminton. It is quickly learnt and is similar in many respects to badminton. It is exciting and possesses the essential qualities of all good games such as opportunity for the development of considerable skill and courtcraft, and an abundance of fun-provoking situations.

Indoor Basketball has become firmly established among the organised sports of the college and the clubs are able to field teams of considerable talent. This is one major game that can be played on college grounds. As many students interested in learning to play find that they are unable to join the club, I have arranged for three periods during the week when beginners can be

taught the fundamentals and players may enjoy intra-mural games organised on an inter-class basis. In addition to the enjoyment to be gained in playing basketball these inter-class games should enable you to meet with students from other departments or faculties in the college.

There is a steady demand for games equipment provided by the college but there are probably many students who are unaware of what the gymnasium can offer in respect of satisfying recreation. Volley Ball, Table Tennis, Padderminton, Tennis, Quoits, Indoor Basketball are some of the games that attract many students into the gymnasium.

W. H. LANDBETH,
Physical Education Officer.