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## NZUSA Delegates Leave Soon For Cossec Meet

**M**ESSRS W. Smith (president of the OUSA) and Mr. Brewster (vice-president of NZUSA), chosen in August, 1954, to represent New Zealand at the next Cossec Conference, will leave New Zealand on Wednesday, June 29, en route to London.

Cossec offered NZUSA two return air fares Wellington-London for our representatives to attend the fifth International Student Conference being held at Birmingham from July 4-14th.

NZUSA last week granted each delegate £65, being £50 travelling expenses and £15 registration fee and incidental fees at Birmingham, the matter to be reviewed when they return.

### SECOND DELEGATION

Mr. Brewster and Mr. Smith are the second delegation from NZUSA to have fares paid to Cossec conferences. Last year Messrs M. J. O'Brien and B. Dalgety flew to Istanbul. (See report on discussion at Easter Council, page four).

### LARGER THAN EVER

A Cossec press release states that the forthcoming conference is "expected to be the most representative student gathering ever assembled." More than 50 National Unions of Students will be represented, as against 40 at Istanbul.

"Student leaders will discuss means of practical co-operation in such areas as study and travel exchanges, mutual assistance, exchange of information, cultural activities, and common social and economic problems. The results of various seminars and specialised conferences held since last year's International Student Conference at Istanbul will also be subjects for consideration. The conferences will bear reports on the progress

made on specific projects to implement international student co-operation undertaken at the Istanbul and previous conferences, and decide on means to expand and consolidate achievements thus far," continues the release.

### IUS AND COMINFORM

The release recalls that the first International Student Conference was held at Stockholm in December 1950. It was felt that a non-partisan machinery for promoting genuine international co-operation among students was necessary; the existing organisation, the IUS, was felt by many student Unions to have become too committed to the political line of the Cominform to serve as an effective vehicle. Since then, annual meetings have been held in Edinburgh (Jan. 1952), Copenhagen (Jan. 1953) and Istanbul (Jan. 1954).

### NEW DELEGATIONS

New delegations at this Conference include the National Unions from Guatemala, Panama, Sierra Leone, Liberia, Sudan and others.

"Salient" presumes that Messrs. Smith and Brewster will report back to the August Council meeting of NZUSA, to be held at Dunedin in conjunction with the Winter Tournament. Although no mention has been made as to the source of the funds available to Cossec for the NZUSA delegation, "Salient" assumes that the American Foundation for Youth and Cultural Affairs will again pay the fares.

## An Aesop's Fable

**T**HE 1st (and it is to be hoped last) Fendalton Infantry Battalion was renowned throughout the length and breadth of Malaya for two things. First, the fearless fighting of their leader, the notorious "Homburg" Hullen; and second, the fact that every man in the outfit bar one had killed one of the ferocious enemy, the notorious Workers For Peace.

This one man who had not yet done the dirty deed was one Private Kumdown, a former cop who had joined the army to escape from humiliation on the home front. At a parade one day, the General in charge of the campaign asked Kumdown why it was that he alone, out of a

thousand men, had not killed a Worker.

"Well, Sir," Kumdown replied, "I haven't got anything against them. They never done me any wrong. Anyhow, I'd rather be bashing up harmless drunks at home."

"I see," said the General. "Well anyway, I'll tell you what to do. When you're out in the battlefield, and you see a patrol of Workers coming round the hill, you stick your head up and yell out, 'Nick Bulganan's a drongo!' Then they'll fire at you, and you'll have to fire back in self-defence and you'll probably kill one. Then everybody will be satisfied."

"Righto, Sir, I'll do what you say," said Kumdown.

We must now shift our story forward three weeks.

## Successful Extrav. Visits Hastings

**A** CHEQUE for nearly £200 was handed to the chairman of the new Hastings YMCA by the president of the VUC Students' Association on June 6, marking the climax of the most spectacularly successful Extravaganza season in recent years. Two performances at the Hastings Municipal Theatre with proceeds to charity followed a heavily-booked five-night run in the Opera House here.

### PUNGENT SCRIPT

The script, written by Jim Hutchison, Gavin Loe et al., was fast-moving and topical, pungent and humorous; it reminded old-timers of the brilliant pre-war efforts of Ron Meek who set a standard for modern Extrava. Produced by Bill Sheat, whose capabilities and experience once more proved invaluable, and performed by a cast of high and even quality, Extrav. '55 could hardly fail to impress.

● Said Premier S.G. ("I'm really a wonderful guy") Holland: "I thought I played my part very well."

● Said producer Sheat: "It was a lousy show!"

● Said composer Richard Rogers. "The music was familiar."

Local colour was introduced to the show in script changes before the Hastings tour; a prominent person of the district in income tax troubles and a well-known anti-liquorist received their share of the borax. Both here and in Hastings Extrav. was in keeping with the words of the recitative to the final chorus:

"Everything that happens in the year is lampooned in Extrav."

### WELLINGTON SUCCESS

The Wellington season was a financial success as well as an outstanding hit with the public; in as much as the quality of each Extrav. greatly affects the following year's bookings, this year's box-office success undoubtedly owed much to the reputation of last year's. And by the same token, given a certain amount of luck we can be assured of

an even better run next year. The "House Full" sign was out for the last two performances at the Opera House, and Extrav. controllers felt that another two nights would have met the same enthusiastic response from the public. It is to be hoped that next year the Opera House may be available for a seven-night season—Saturday to Saturday.

### HASTINGS TRIP

Both the Hastings performances were honoured with the patronage of the Emperor of Patagonia and his entourage; after the Saturday performance the emperor conferred honours on the mayors of Napier, Hawke's Bay, and last but not least—Hastings.

### HOSPITAL SHOW

On Sunday morning an abridged version of Extrav, without costume or scenery, was presented on the lawn of the Hastings Memorial Hospital for patients and staff. A recording of the show was taken at the theatre, and was played over the earphone system at the hospital for those unable to see the Sunday morning performance.

### TRIP INVALUABLE

The success, financial and otherwise, of the Hastings tour warrants consideration of more such tours in the future. From a public relations viewpoint the trip was invaluable; it gave Extrav. personnel a far greater experience of the trials and tribulations—as well as the pleasures—of a touring show; and it provided Extrav. with a stimulus and reward comparable with the Varsity sportsman's Tournament trip.

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

in the  
UPPER GYM

8 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 22, 1955.

Be There . . . Help Shape VUC'S Policy . . . 8 p.m. Sharp

Applications are invited for the  
EDITORSHIP OF "CAPPICADE", 1956

These close with the SECRETARY, STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION, on  
JULY 31st pursuant to a resolution of the Executive recently.

N.B.: Candidates this year will be interviewed by the Publications Committee, which will make its recommendation to Executive.

The same General is making a tour of the base hospital. As he walks down one ward, he sees a fellow absolutely swathed in bandages. Looking down at his chart, he sees the name Kumdown. Recalling the incident on the parade, he goes over to the man, and says, "Well, Kumdown, you got it bad. What happened?"

"Well, sir, it was like this . . . I was lying out in the battlefield in my usual state of melancholy, when a patrol of Workers came round a hill. So I stuck my head up, and yelled out, 'Nick Bulganan's a drongo!' just like you said. Then a Worker over the other side called out, 'Sid Hullen's a moron!' And we were so busy shaking hands in the middle of the road that we didn't see the bl— truck coming!"

### SECOND XI NOTES

Though beaten narrowly in most of its games this team has done reasonably well this season. Because of too many changes—a fate which seems inevitable for a reserve team—teamwork and understanding have been missing. In spite of all this one or two players have been showing excellent form. Ivor Jones appears to be the only forward with shooting ability as well as positional sense and a willingness to hunt the ball if necessary. The shooting of the other forwards is pathetic. Some of these players although endowed with sufficient football skill are sadly lacking in tackling ability and keenness to challenge an opponent.

### MOST IMPROVED PLAYER

This distinction falls to spidery Michael Clements, eager to learn, tenacious and tireless. His improve-

ment since the start of the season has been tremendous, yet it was only achieved by training and intelligent application as well as a love of the game.

### THE THIRD TEAM

The situation here is sometimes embarrassing with five or six more players every week than can be accommodated. This is an encouraging sign as in previous seasons both the Second and the Third XI's seldom fielded a full team.

Jim Denton captains the side in an efficient manner and he has improved his own play substantially. So has Alan Quinn who has speed, tenacity and tackling ability. Paul Compton plays a cool game at full back though his tendency of dribbling out of trouble often lands his team in difficulties. He must learn to clear "first time" when in danger. Eastgate and Lienert are two players who should go a lot further if they paid more attention to correct kicking methods. The former does not use his exceptional speed to advantage. Alan Holland at centre forward would do well to realise that it is useless to try to execute too many fancy moves before a reasonable mastery of the basic Soccer skills has been acquired.

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## EDITORIALS

**E**XECUTIVE elections begin at the end of this week: "Salient" is non-committal about the probable outcome, but suggests that the "blurb" be not taken at their face value. They are intended to be a help, together with the photographs displayed in the main foyer, and your own knowledge of the candidates; however some are misleading. We leave the matter there for the time being.

"Salient" as the only official non-Executive organ of news and opinion in the College, wishes to thank the members of the outgoing executive for the work that has been put in for the benefit of the Association. "Salient" is aware that the work has not been evenly distributed, and that some members have not justified their existence on Executive: and while we have not always concurred with decisions taken by Executive, they have been taken with sincerity, and the amount of individual and group effort required to keep the Association functioning from year to year is considerable.

The recent Film Unit production "Graduate Harvest," dealing with aspects of life at Massey College, was first-rate. Apart from the fact that we recognised several of the more infamous Massey types, it gave a balanced view of life there, a perspective which we are apt not to see by being in the midst of things.

We recall that Sir David Smith, in his Senatorial address last year, suggested that Colleges hold regular conversaciones so that the public might have the work of the Universities kept before them in a tangible fashion. "Salient" recalls that in 1949 the College was opened to visitors who heard lectures on aspects of University life, subjects, and saw displays made by members of various departments. We believe that, although the preparation of similar displays (say every two years) would involve a lot of work, nevertheless the effect on public relations would be much more than a vague change of name of the College.

"University of Wellington" is more impressive on paper but not many citizens will change their views overnight. The College will be called "Vic" for a number of generations yet.

The new Executive could well consider taking this matter up with Council representative M. J. O'Brien.

Entries are invited for the Literary Issue of

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to be published later in the Session.

WE WANT: \*Short Stories, \*Poetry, \*Cartoons, \*Drawings, \*Engravings, \*Photographs, \*General Articles.

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## Criticism and Opinion

The Editor,  
 "Salient."

DEAR Sir.—The review of the Players' current production "Escapade" in your last issue made so little mention of the play's defects as to be quite misleading. Just as they would make the most of Extrav, so the Players made the most of "Escapade," but the disparity between the quality of performance and quality of the play seemed as great.

To say that "for sheer entertainment value this is one of the best things the Players have done" is to compare it with "Private Lives," the "Dream," "Ring Round the Moon," "The Lady's Not for Burning," etc., and therefore to suggest that it is good entertainment. To call entertaining a play in which naive and sometimes banal dissertations upon world affairs, family relationships, education, etc., is to show a lack of dramatic sensibility. A play in which the serious and comic elements are fundamentally quite unrelated to each other or to the action (most of which takes place off stage) is not amusing but pitiful. Instead of a hotch potch of funny bits, action and purple passages in which the preaching voice of the author is heard, a play must be concerned with some action which may be funny or serious or both but in which all the elements are interdependent. "The youthfulness of outlook," or as I would say, the immaturity which the 45 year old MacDougall shows is also combined with a lack of technique. The excellence of production alone saved from fading away a play in which most of the action—

the shooting, running away, etc., took place off stage—and in which there were long pauses in which Daventry expounded his philosophy.

"In the style and content there is a marked resemblance to G.B.S. and Wilde," says your reviewer. The compliment is backhanded for Shaw was able to disregard the rules only by the force of his genius and the power of his thought. Lacking Shaw's genius MacDougall still disregards the rules and thereby provides an awful warning to those who would also imitate Shaw.

If such a play as "Escapade" presented with all the technical ability of the Players is a "worthy opening to their new season, I have misgivings as to whether they will survive the season. Likewise to survive a season's reviewing your reviewer, I suggest, must sharpen his critical faculties. Yours, etc.,

J. H. LARSEN.

Mr. Dawick replies:—

"I could hardly disagree with Mr. Larsen more. Mr. MacDougall might place too much emphasis on the importance of the family as a unit of society for more sophisticated tastes but he does not indulge in banal dissertations. The humour of the play most certainly did arise out of the situations, and if the action on stage was largely conditioned by off stage developments, that is not to say that the interplay of personality which constitutes dramatic action was lacking. But this is developing into a criticism of a criticism of a criticism. I thank Mr. Larsen for his letter and will endeavour to be more sparing of my superlatives in future.—Editor.)

## OPINIONS POLITICAL

By POLEMIC

### The Yalta Papers

SIR Winston Churchill, his initial alarm dissipated, is now crowing with satisfaction at the Yalta record made public by Mr. Foster Dulles. "We seem to have come out of it very well," he boasted in the House of Commons, to the accompaniment of sycophantic cheers from his adulators. How well had he in fact come out of it? It is true that he resisted the infamous proposal to murder 50,000 German officers—no British leader could have done other. It is also true that at that time he stood by the British empire. But what of the crusade for which we were supposed to have entered the war? What of the Poles? The Poles were about to be betrayed. Churchill, professedly, was against their betrayal. Did he care? Are the Poles today a free and happy nation? If they are not, how can he claim to have emerged with credit from Yalta?

Even Churchill's "sympathetic" attitude towards Poland did not appear to be beyond reproach. The American record declares him to have told the conference that he would have to be able to say in Parliament that the Polish elections would be held in a fair way, but that he did not care much about the Poles himself. The precise facts are perhaps not very important. What is important is that Churchill, although dragged protestingly and impotent at the tail of the Roosevelt-Stalin chariot, really thinks that he "came out of it very well." Impotence itself now means a garland for Sir Winston, and the dead are left to bury the dead.

### The New Imperialists

The Russo-Chinese Empire  
 And the Dollar empire too  
 Seem struggling for World Power  
 Over me and over you  
 Let's watch them from the ringside  
 Since every wise man knows  
 That he who parts a quarter  
 Receives the hardest blows.

### Communism's Two-pronged Attack

"Can this Red Wreck The British Empire?" is the heading of a Saturday Evening Post article about Rajani Palme Dutt, vice-chairman of the Communist Party of Great Britain and its real leader. The short answer is of course "no." What chance would this King Street functionary have against the much more important people engaged in the same talk, people who may or may not have

Communist affiliations or sympathies?

That he knows that his job in being most efficiently done for him would seem to be implicit in Dutt's complacent remark to the Post's correspondent: "Within the life span of this generation we will have won the struggle all along the world's colonial front. Look at what has already happened since the Russian revolution of 1917." It is true that much has happened since that time, as it is also true that Marx, Engels, Lenin, Trotsky and Stalin all perceived the necessity, in the assault upon Western civilisation, to destroy Europe at its centre by destroying it upon the periphery of its colonial power.

But it so happens that the formidable gains achieved cannot be credited to the formal Communism of Moscow and King Street. To take one small but very clear example: Britain was robbed of the Persian oil industry, not by the Tudeh Party, but by the World Bank and the U.S. State Department in sinister conjunction.

### Attack From The East

Then there is the attack which comes from the East. Mr. Nehru, in his own right a prodigious empire-maker, denies that he is a Communist. But what matters is that he has done infinitely more than an army of Palme Dutt's could do to fulfil the prediction, "within the life span of this generation we will have won the struggle all along the world's colonial front." Does Mr. Nehru know that he is doing work which the Communists require to be done? Here is a curious fact. Moscow chose to pay the Indian Prime Minister a glowing tribute on the eve of the elections in Andhra, where his Congress Party was engaged in a fierce battle with the Communists, and in so doing ensured a Congress victory. Why did it do that? Because Nehru is so very much more important to the Kremlin than is any counterpart in Andhra of Rajani Palme Dutt.

"Formosa est merribus aestas"  
 —Ovid

Aias! will no heroic race  
 Arise in brother Perseus' place  
 And leave destruction and the grave  
 And common-sense and try to save  
 The marginal utilities  
 Of Freedom and Formosa's face  
 And break the silence of the seas  
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# Brass-Bound Ballot-Box Back In The Main Hall

VOTING takes place in the main foyer of the Arts Building for the new Executive of the Students' Association, 1955/6, on Friday, June 17, Monday 20, and Tuesday 21. If your name is not on the electoral roll you should contact the Returning Officer. All financial members of the Students' Association are entitled to vote. Usually about 33 per cent of the College does so: make sure you are within that group. Remember that it is through apathy such as ours that Hitler and Mussolini were democratically elected to their dictatorships.

The following are the members of the out-going Executive:—

- President: B. V. Galvin.
- Men's Vice-president: R. I. Gilberd.
- Women's Vice-president: Pamela Beck.
- Treasurer: J. M. Whitta.
- Secretary: W. Iles.
- Men's Committee: J. G. Hutchison, W. Sheat, C. J. C. Marchant, I. Rich.
- Women's Committee: Rosemary Burton, Diana Lescher, Beverly Watkins, Peggy Thom.

## PRESIDENT DAVE CROWE

"I AM going to make a plea which to the many hundreds in this electorate will seem quite astonishing—I am going to make a plea for modesty!"

With this statement, "Modest Dave" announces his intention of becoming President.

A Puritanical obtuseness of sentiment, a stupid infantile goodness, is creeping among us, instead of the vigorous passions and virtues clad in flesh and blood with which the old Executives presented us. Today our friends on the Exec. are the dullest dogs we know. They are not educated; they are only college passmen. They are not religious: they are only pew-renters. They are not moral: they are only conventional.

We need a fresh and original approach, unshackled from the chains of precedent. Dave is not an ex-Parliamentary candidate. He is not an Exec. man of so many years standing. Already a champion for the ill-paid law clerk and non-paid woman student, "Modest Dave" fought bitterly against the extraction of 10/- for the privilege of extraving in Hastings.

No gruff man he, but bubbling with conviviality and bonhomie. Dave is known as the "Good Listener."

You May Like Me But You Will  
RAVE for DAVE

Nominator: Peter Crowe.  
Seconders: S. Lockhart, J. Browne.

## WALTER ILES

WALTER is a fourth year law student, part-time after two years full-time. Has held these positions: Secretary Association 1954-55, co-opted member of Executive 1953-54, Secretary Finance, Blues, Publications Committees 1954-55, Delegate NZUSA Winter 1954, Easter 1955, Business Manager Cappcade 1955, Finance Controller Extrav Tour 1955, Chairman WUS Committee 1955.

Sports are Rugby (in other years) and Shooting. President of the Miniature Rifle Club 1953-54, 54-55, 55-56, Tournament Shooting Team 1953, 1954, Shooting Controller, Chairman NZU Shooting Council, Captain VUC and North Island Universities' Teams 1954, College Shooting Blue 1953.

He has done much work on the re-organisation of the internal administration of the Association and the wide range of administrative positions he has held have given him a thorough knowledge of the affairs of the Association.

He considers that while interest must be maintained in national and international student affairs, the immediate problems are closer to home. The facilities, cost and site of the Union Building have yet to be determined: the control and use of Te Aro Park has not yet been considered:

the Men's and Women's common rooms must be improved now the money is in hand: attention must be given to the renovation of the cafeteria.

Nominator: B. V. Galvin.  
Seconders: J. G. Hutchison, A. D. Robinson.

## JOHN MARCHANT

A FIFTH year, full-time Arts and Music student who has already made some contribution to VUC both as President of Weir House and as an organising member of various College activities.

1951—Music Society Committee. 1952-53—Music Society Treasurer. 1952-53-54—Winter Tournament Drama. 1953—VUC's team in British Drama League competitions. 1953-54-55—Extravaganza stage-crew, chorus and make-up. 1954—Drama Committee. 1954-55—Assisted with the advertising in Cappcade. 1954-55—Full-time President of Weir who in his annual report gave overdue and outspoken criticism of the tardiness and shortcoming of the Management Committee's administration of the House. 1955—Unanimous co-option to the Executive shortly after the beginning of the session.

Billeting controller for the successful Extravaganza tour.

In addition to these specific offices, John has run with the harriers, contributed to "Salient".

As a full-time President he would support:—

- The extension of Weir, an improvement in the existing common rooms and progress towards the new Student Union Building in an endeavour to offer the opportunities and benefits of corporate existence to as many students as possible.

- A marked improvement in the capping book.

- Contributions to the public welfare by capping collections and further extrav. tours for charity.

Nominator: Pamela Beck.  
Seconders: Ian Rich, R. C. Schroder.

## JOHN WHITTA

JOHN was Association Treasurer 1954-55; representative to NZUSA August 1954 and Easter 1955; Finance Committee 1954-55; Publications Committee 1953-54; inaugurated Boarding Bureau 1955.

Well-known to most College clubs—main interests Rugby (sometime Captain Junior Thirds), Athletics and Debating (Joynt Scroll representative New Speaker's and Union Prizes).

Active last two extravs—this year Financial Controller. Business Manager "Salient" 1953.

A qualified accountant and B.Com., now studying Law.

## POLIC

- Students' Association Building: Maintain place on priority list: firm stand against intervention of new library: a committee to receive suggestions for minor alterations, additions to plan, and report within month.

- Facilities: Urgent replacement useless fire equipment, hot water in conveniences, improvements to common rooms and re-instatement of gymnasium. Enlargement of boarding bureau. Health scheme.

- Club Grants: Investigation comparative requirements cultural: sporting clubs. Definite policy on "ground fees."

- Capping: Boost for graduands' supper: Extrav. in last week of term, greater variety in social refreshments.

- NZUSA: Support representative on Senate, increase and reallocation of bursaries, fresher eligibility Easter Tournaments; and re-adoption of VUC's role as leader in Foreign Affairs (Asian scholarships, WUS etc.).

- General: Better allocation and delegation of duties amongst Exec. members, with a wider enlistment for ad hoc jobs as they occur.

Nominator: J. Dawick.  
Seconders: Gordon Cruden, B. C. Shaw.

## MEN'S VICE-PRESIDENT JAMES HUTCHISON

(Elected unopposed)

JIM HUTCHISON, otherwise known as "Honest Jim," "Gentleman Jim," "Diamond Jim," "Karori Jim," "Flash Jim," "Big —," "Biggest — in Wellington," Hon. James Hutchison-Gibb, ham writer and bit actor, unphotogenic, but pleasant disposition, born under the sign of Virgo, therefore favours women, nylon shirts and extravs, considers that exec. member's lot is not a happy one but is prepared to suffer for humanity, has worked as an unpaid train-wheel tapper, likes Hawke's Bay—family motto is "FACILIS DESCENSUS ETERNIS."

Nominator: W. Iles.  
Seconders: J. Treadwell, B. Boon.

## WOMEN'S VICE-PRESIDENT DIANA LESCHER

(Elected unopposed)

DIANA is a 4th year part-time arts student who has had over two years' experience on the exec. On the outgoing exec. she was a member of the finance committee and controller of the social committee. Member Extrav. cast 1953-55.

Has represented VUC at NZU tournaments in drama, indoor basketball, hockey and athletics, and was one of VUC's delegates to NZUSA Council meeting Easter 1954. Clubs in which she has actively participated include the tennis, drama, hockey, athletics and French clubs.

She has attended the last three Congresses at Curious Cove and would like to see more students take advantage of this opportunity for open discussion with students from other Colleges. At present Diana is working on the re-furnishing of the common rooms, and hopes to see a definite sum set aside for this purpose in the budget each year.

Nominator: Pamela Beck.  
Seconded: J. G. Hutchison, Dave Crowe.

## TREASURER JOHN WHITTA

(Elected unopposed)

## SECRETARY JOHN MARCHANT

## RICHARD SCHRODER

TED is in his fourth year at VUC in pursuit, be it at times aimless, of an Arts degree. During that time he has adorned the sacred precincts of Weir House, and has always been ready to take part in any Weir or Vic functions in which conviviality plays a part. Has taken an interest in several Varsity clubs, being a foundation committee member of the badminton and golf clubs. Has since been hon. sec. of both, and this year is club captain of the badminton, and

deputy of the golf club. He controlled badminton at Winter Tournament last year, and has shown an interest in Extrav. previously by making props, this year by performing. Will make no vague promises, but if elected will do his utmost to improve the present unsatisfactory liaison between the Executive and the various clubs.

Nominator: G. Powles.  
Seconders: J. Bathgate, P. Crowe.

## MEN'S COMMITTEE BARRY BOON

BARRY is a fourth year law student; President of the Weir Association 1955; a member of the committee of the Law Faculty, tennis and golf clubs 1954-55; Junior Tournament Delegate, Easter 1954; Senior Delegate 1955; ex officio member of the Blues Committee 1955; N.Z.U. Blue in Tennis 1954-55, V.U.C. Blue in Golf 1954, Golf Controller at Winter Tournament 1954.

His main objects are (1) to promote the welfare of College Clubs, both cultural and sporting, with a view to obtaining more active participation by a greater number of students; (2) to support the extension of the present very limited Student Association facilities, and the limited hostel accommodation available for students from outside Wellington.

Nominator: C. J. G. Marchant.  
Seconders: W. Iles, B. V. Galvin.

## DAVE CROWE

## PETER CROWE

BRAVING the elements once again, Peter ("Wrap Up!!") Crowe puts on his platform those qualities he first outlined to the electorate some years ago. Versatile and cunning, Peter has a superior knowledge of sharp practices and is the ideal man for a fix like this. Not a perfectionist, but a realist, Peter's idealism increases in direct proportion to his distance from the problem.

Everyone says he is not a musician: that is true, Peter is a phonologist. "Give me chastity and self-restraint," he says, "but do not give it yet."

With a united voice I cry, "VOTE FOR PETER!"

Nominator: D. Crowe.  
Seconders: D. Deacon, Lockhart.

## MIKE EDWARDS

MIKE EDWARDS, a fourth year student, has taken an active interest in many branches of student affairs. He is President of the International Students' Club and a member of the Debating Society.

Participated in Extrav. 1953/4 and both times deputised for the Mayor of Wellington; also organised floats in two processions. Has twice been to Congress at Curious Cove.

Policy:

- Action on the Student Union Building.

- Improved relations with the city.

- Bigger grants to clubs to promote more student participation in extra-curricular activity.

Mike is a keen student and prepared to work hard to promote the interests of all students.

Nominator: Rosemary Burton.  
Seconded: J. S. Williams, D. Neazor.

## TONY ELLIS

TONY came to VUC on a University Scholarship from Wellington College. He is a third-year law-cum-arts student, completing his B.A. in mathematics, and has a thorough knowledge of students affairs. He has been on the Swords Club committee for years and has represented VUC many times in provincial and university tournaments. Tony organised and controlled the fencing side of Winter Tournament, 1954, and is treasurer of the Provincial Fencing Council. He went to Congress '54, and has done work for Extrav., "Salient" and the French Club, and assures continued thoroughness and fairness in administration if elected.

Nominator: B. V. Galvin.  
Seconders: W. Iles, Pamela Beck.

### GUY POWLES

GUY is a live wire. A fourth year senior law student, he has completed his B.A. and is not one to let grass grow under his feet. His efficiency commended itself to residents of Weir House, who this year elected him vice-president. At Varsity he has been a stalwart of the Harrier Club for the past three years, and debating is an activity he has followed closely. Guy's zeal was shown in his management of the advertising side of this year's successful Extrav. With the interests of all students at heart, Guy brings genuine enthusiasm combined with a thorough approach to all affairs, and makes "service to the community" his motto. Nominated: L. Sinclair. Seconded: C. J. C. Marchant, I. Rich.

### IAN RICH

IAN, an active member of the outgoing executive, has gained experience that will be useful for another year, if elected. An English Honours student, for the past three years he has taken part in many college activities—"Salient," '52/3/4/5; Drama Club President, '54/5; editor "Cappicade," '54; Ski Club Committee, '54; Assistant Producer Extrav, '55. Policy: ● Co-operation with the football club to make Te Aro Park arrangements convenient for as many clubs as possible. ● Student Union Building by 1958. ● Extrav profits to go directly towards improved student amenities (e.g., common rooms). ● Improved VUC reputation at NZUSA and VUC reputation for gay living. Nominator: B. V. Galvin. Seconded: J. G. Hutchison, J. Bathgate.

### DAVE TONKIN

DAVID is a sixth year student completing LL.B. this year and doing honours next year. Before coming to Wellington he spent two years at CUC where he was on the executive of three societies. At VUC he is a member of Charter Soc., Philosophical Soc., Anglican Society, Debating Society, Law Faculty Club and on the Executive of the SCM. David makes no rash promises about the policy he will adopt—he wishes only to serve the students justly. To this end he will work to the very best of his ability. Nominated: J. G. Hutchison. Seconded: B. G. Watkins, G. Jansen.

### DAVID WILSON

DAVE is a 6th year law student—also nearly completed B.A. An active resident of Weir House for four years. Attended Auckland University in 1952 to complete studies in geography—active member of Rugby Club, 1950-54, Cricket Club, 1953-55, Law Faculty Club, 1953-55. Has taken part in "Extravaganza" for the last two years—proposed recent Hastings tour and was the Advance Manager. In favour of: immediate commencement of Student Building; greater facilities for sports clubs; increase of hostels accommodation for students living away from home; improvement of University-City relationships; improved and cleaner cafeteria and common rooms. Nominated: C. J. C. Marchant. Seconded: W. N. Sheat, D. M. Lescher.

### WOMEN'S COMMITTEE

#### (Four to be elected) JENNIFER BARNETT

JENNY is a 21-year-old Social Science student completing her B.A. She is a full-time student for the first time this year and thus has more time to devote to student activities; and feels qualified to represent both part-time and full-time views. Jenny is interested in international student affairs and has been active in religious clubs in the college, particularly the SCM. Although she has not actually been on club committees she has done a great deal of efficient work behind the scenes. Jenny would particularly like to see the cafeteria run by students. Nominator: Rosemary Burton. Seconded: B. G. Watkins, J. S. Williams.

### JUDITH GROCCOTT

JUDITH is a third-year full-time Science student—a Physics Department demonstrator. She is a keen member of the SCM and took an active part in re-organising WUS committee at VUC. A committee member of the Mathematical and Physics Society, and a member of the Philosophical Society, she also has sporting interests (not racing or billiards)—she plays indoor basketball, and played hockey in her first year. She will work to improve student amenities generally, in particular more adequate gymnasium facilities, a better cafeteria and common rooms. Science students—Judith is your only chance of a representative on the Executive. Nominator: D. Lescher. Seconded: W. G. Malcolm, B. V. Galvin.

### GILLIAN HEMERY

GILLIAN is a third-year full-time Arts Student, currently a member of the committees of the Drama and Table Tennis Clubs. A member of the Ski Club, staff of "Salient," she participated in Extrav 1954/5 backstage; wardrobe mistress for "Much Ado;" headquarter's staff Winter '54; active member of Anglican Society. Policy: ● Would like to see more publicity given to exec. meetings through "Salient." ● Profits from Extrav, Cappicade to improve student facilities, the worst in New Zealand. ● Effective Public Relations officer on Executive to inform public that students' ideas are not unreasonable. ● Approves of proposed lectures by Maths and Physics, Philosophical Societies. Nominator: C. J. C. Marchant. Seconded: B. V. Galvin, Diana Lescher.

### JO HIRSCHBERG

JO is a second-year B.Com student. She is an active member of the Drama and Athletics Clubs, and a committee member of the Women's Hockey Club. She represented VUC at Winter Tournament last year and will be a starter for Otago this year. She participated in Extrav 1954/5. Recently she was appointed assistant secretary to NZUSA resident executive. Jo has taken a keen interest in Varsity affairs since she began here last year. With the vigour and energy she attaches to everything she does, Jo should be an active and worthwhile contributor to the new executive's activities. Nominator: B. V. Galvin. Seconded: D. Lescher, R. Burton.

### FRANCES O'SHEA

NAN is a fourth-year Arts student who has taken an active part in many College activities, including Extrav. (orchestra), Processh, Congress and many of the College clubs. She was Vice-president of the International Club last year; a member of the French Club; she has played basketball for VUC and went to Easter Tournament this year; she is Vice-president of the Catholic Students' Guild, and recently represented the University Catholic Society of New Zealand at a seminar for Asian students in India. She returned from India very interested in international student affairs, and wants to make WUS an active organisation at Victoria. Nan has had considerable experience on committees and is prepared to devote her time and energy to the work of the Executive. Nominator: Diana Lescher. Seconded: B. G. Watkins, R. Gilbert.

### DIANA FUSSELL

DIANA is a third-year Arts Student, fencer and skier. She has served on the Ski Club committee, and the Swords Club has felt her influence on the administrative as well as on the lethal side. At present, in her second year on the Swords Club committee, she is secretary-Treasurer, and provincial intermediate foil champion. Diana has led a very full University life, having experienced Congress, Extrav, and Tournament, and is now prepared to put some hard work into the establishment, to make living conditions more attractive to the students, and the student more attractive to the town. Nominator: B. V. Galvin. Seconded: W. Hies, B. G. Watkins.

### Once Again . . .

## Participation In Cossec Examined by NZUSA

"Discontinue participation in international student affairs," said MAC at NZUSA Council at Easter. Their grounds for advocating this step were primarily that New Zealand students are not going to be interested in international student affairs as such unless they themselves can participate in these activities. Because of our geographically isolated position we were in no position to benefit from COSEC activities. Until such time as students of NZU are interested in these matters, it is impractical to despatch observers and delegates overseas. If capping collections in each College, continued MAC's delegation, were devoted to specific projects in the international field, interest would be stimulated.

VUC pointed out that they were in no position to devote any proceeds from Capping to any fund other than their general one. OU agreed that students were not interested in overseas activities, and suggested that one reason for this might be lack of information. The cause of the lack might be attributed by some to NZUSA, whereas in fact it was the obligation of college executives to circulate information on these matters. It would be, said they a great pity if international activities were to cease because colleges did not circulate this news.

### DELEGATES BRING INFORMATION

The fact was that New Zealand students were leaving this country and returning, bringing with them news and information to NZUSA and council meetings. Colleges in this way were kept informed of happenings, and the results were of considerable value to college executives. Our interest in international affairs must be gradual because of our remote geographical situation. If the motion were carried, New Zealand students would be cut off more than ever. The fact that delegates have attended those overseas meetings is at least a starting point upon which to foster student interest and encouragement.

### TOO AMBIGUOUS . . .

Staid, poker-faced Galvin, leader of verbose VUC's delegation, snapped that the motion was too ambiguous to be supported. MAC elaborated. For some time now NZUSA had been sending delegations overseas. It was time to formulate some practical scheme in which NZUSA could participate. The first report of an overseas delegate that MAC had on the files was dated 1949—six years ago. The time, repeated MAC, had come for practical consideration.

### . . . BUT INFORMATION IS GOOD

AUC's Boag, well briefed by sunken-eyed, cigarette rolling ex-President Rod ("Capping") Smith, pointed out that the delegates went overseas, came back with information. It costs money to send off delegations in order that they came back with information. There appeared to be an opinion that, whatever else they brought back, it was good that they brought back information, sneered Boag. For too long NZUSA has tried to work from the top. WUS is to be congratulated for their efforts. NZUSA should try to do something along these lines.

With regard to a delegation from NZUSA to visit South-East Asian countries, presumably Asian students in New Zealand could speak English, whereas this would not necessarily be the case if N.Z. students visited S.-E. Asia. Chagiled, suave, debonair, diplomat M. J. ("Istanbul") O'Brien—"You'd be surprised."

### WHAT GOOD IS IT?

O'Brien, following his lead, asked Boag whether he considered that good would follow if NZUSA sent a delegation to the next COSEC Conference, and if the fares were paid. Cogitated Boag verbally—"Nothing but good could arise—"pressed O'Brien—what good? AUC admitted that it was desirable that if COSEC conferences were to be of any use, they should be attended regularly. After not a little reiteration by colleges, Mr. M. O'Brien gave his opinions to the expectant, cynical meeting.

"There is a great deal of thought behind the last two motions of which I approve. These things should not be indulged in to any large extent unless some good to N.Z. students will come of it, said he. There are three main types of conference—first, those as the COSEC conferences—a

gathering of students organised on an international basis—and secondly, those as the NUASU where benefit is expected from mutual contacts with the closest students—and thirdly, those such as envisaged by Mr. Brewster (a South-East Asian student group) organised in a particular area to work up practical schemes.

### THE INTERNATIONAL FIELD

The first type of conference, continued O'Brien, had to be considered in the light of two major considerations—first, theoretically, NZUSA was part of the international student community. There was a limit to the extent of co-operation within that field. A financial limit of some sort could destroy the theoretical argument of the advantages against the cost.

### PRACTICAL ACTIVITIES

On the question of practical activities, said O'Brien, we gained much from the NUAUS conferences—travel and exchange, congress, orientation activities, are exhibitions, the textbook scheme—all had their main impetus from the enthusiasm that NZUSA delegates brought back with them.

Graduate employment in Indonesia was another aspect. If this develops, then we will have another of the practical schemes which it is desirable to put into practice.

When it came to a point, we discontinued the practice of sending an observer to NUAUS because it was costing us £90 a year and nothing new was being brought back. Applying this test of utility to the international field, we find that reports of NZUSA observers go back to 1945.

In the post-war period, NZUSA worried, "Are we getting anything out of this participation?" Endeavouring to find a practical scheme in the South-East Asian area, NZUSA found that IUS objected. This began the international disintegration of student co-operation.

COSEC was formed, and when this organisation overcame its teething troubles NZUSA sent observers from Europe. At this stage there were not many practical schemes in which we could participate.

It was felt in 1953 that COSEC needed a bit more time. It has now had that extra time, and the question must be faced, "What are we getting out of COSEC?" Their practical schemes will increase in time, and the revised attitude to WUS in the NZU could be attributed in no small measure to information and enthusiasm brought back from COSEC conference, 1954, by Messrs. O'Brien and Dalgety.

It was true that nothing of direct practical interest to NZUSA had yet been formulated by COSEC. COSEC had recently been admitted to consultative status to UNESCO.

Mr. D. Dalgety, speaking after the adjournment, said that following the principal motion of Easter, 1953, giving priority of activity to the South-East Asian area, a committee was set up to consider the matter; this committee produced the Brewster report of 1954.

### STUDENT ADMINISTRATION

NUAUS are somewhat unhappy about the general student administration in the S-E Asian area, with its dilatory attitude. NUAUS will not take the first step towards practical activities in these countries: it is up to the Asian national unions to take the initiative.

The Council then passed the following resolution:—

That NZUSA immediately establish a committee from colleges to contact Asian students in New Zealand and obtain from them information and suggestions for future activity and that NZUSA contact the representatives of Asian student unions at the 5th International Student Conference.

# BRIGADOON

**T**HE producers of "Brigadoon" made the amazing statement that they went to Scotland to find somewhere that looked like Scotland, but couldn't so returned to Hollywood. And it is painfully obvious that they remained there. Scotland doesn't come into the picture at all, unless it is in the form of tartans and phoney accents. The scenery is so obviously stage scenery, which of course some will say doesn't matter in a musical. But in this one it does. The producers want us to think it is natural. "Brigadoon's" decor fails because it is neither stylised nor natural. It has neither the stylised charm of "Where's Charley" nor the natural simplicity of the better parts of "Seven Brides for Seven Brothers."

The director Vincente Minnelli, who incidentally was one of the Americans in a cinematically convincing Paris, seems to be ill at ease about the whole affair. He chooses a lightweight story that does not suit his talents, and makes it almost tedious by heavy treatment. His camera changes angles in a too sophisticated manner to capture the brilliance of at least two big production numbers. There is a chase through a forest, dramatically built up with musical commentary when the drama simply isn't there. Minnelli doesn't know his Scotland or people who live there. No amount of brilliance will cover up a lack of such a quality. It is significant that when Minnelli returns to New York we have the best part of the film.

## BACK TO BROADWAY

I think that the whole cast would have been happier playing on Broadway than on the rough pavements of a Scottish village square. Cyd Charisse is no Scottish lass, and her partners in an elaborate female-chorus routine are obviously not her sisters. Van Johnson plays a cliché musical

comedy type but is miscast. His brand of playing is for a more civilised world.

Gene Kelly seems bewildered both in his acting and choreography. Kelly certainly has charm, but his is the sort of charm that radiates in the company of tired artists and musicians (as in "An American in Paris") or tired film directors and writers (as in "Singin' in the Rain")—An orange in a fried fish shop. There are rare moments of typical Kelly, such as the "Almost like being in love" sequence, but these seem a little forced. So are the dance sequences which he arranged. They lack simplicity and ruggedness. This is a case of "scots who did taps no longer do taps they do choreography. And "choreography" is a sophisticated expression.

"Brigadoon" is entertaining enough. It has a bright musical score (carefully arranged so that there is not too much bagpipe moanings) and some good lyrics. But as a production from some of the best in the musical comedy world it is disappointing.

# BREAD AND CIRCUSES IN FRUSTRATED LIVES

BY BARTON BABBAGE, M.A., Ph.D., Th.D. (Hon.), AT PRESENT IN N.Z. AT THE INVITATION OF THE CUC EVANGELICAL UNION.

**T**HE impressive structure of the Roman Empire was white-anted by a vast slave population. The decline and decay of the Empire was accompanied by the increasing demand of the slave population for bread and circuses. Our own situation today is in some respects strangely parallel.

The Roman Empire was to all outward appearances an impressive institution. Wherever the Roman armies had extended their sway, roads and aqueducts, law and order, had followed as a matter of course. The excavations at Pompeii, and more recent excavations elsewhere, have revealed the existence of such modern amenities as plumbing and sanitation, running water, and internal heating.

Nevertheless, the imposing Roman edifice began to crack ominously with the growth of a vast landless slave population. Scholars estimate that more than half the population consisted of slaves. In Rome the slaves demanded the issue of free bread.

## NOT BREAD ALONE

But even the Romans found that men cannot live by bread alone. Emotionally starved and frustrated, herded in jerry-built tenement blocks, lacking opportunities for creative activities the slaves demanded the lavish provision of circuses and public entertainments. The arena, with its chariot races, provided an opportunity for competition, excitement and betting; and the circus, with its gladiatorial combats, an opportunity for the enjoyment of blood and danger and death.

## FEW RIGHTS FOR WORKERS

Like the ancient Romans, we live in an age of unique technical achievement. Our machine age, however, is dependent for its existence on a vast army of workers. They live herded into squalid slums in sprawling cities. The workers have few rights as persons.

Significantly enough, factory employees are called "hands." We do not think of them primarily as individual human beings; from the point of view of our technical civilisation they are cogs in a machine. This fact is made starkly clear by a notice that recently appeared in an American factory: "Don't waste the time of the machine!"

## MAN ENSLAVED

This illustrates the fact that man, instead of being master of the machine, is made its slave. Our industrial workers will only accept these inhuman conditions if "bread and circuses" are increasingly provided. Consequently, we have more and more social amenities extending from "the cradle to the grave." Indeed, these amenities have now been

extended further; they begin before birth with pre-natal care, and continue after death with subsidised burial.

These things which are in themselves good and desirable, have only become conscious necessities with the advent of a technical civilisation.

Factory hands, however, are not content with bread alone. Regimented, drilled, conditioned, tied to monotonous and repetitive work, they crave emotional release and relaxation. They receive this from the cinema and mass sports.

## MASS SPORTS

Mass sports are a typically modern invention for the release of nervous tension. There is the element of mortal danger; in motor races and air races, for instance, the spectacle is increased by the possibility of immediate death. As Lewis Mumford points out, the cry of horror is not one of surprise, but of fulfilled expectation.

## HARDENING OF MINDS

A large percentage of the working population lives on an enjoyment of blood-letting; then on the screen it is repeated on a thousand cinemas, until we are hardened and habituated to blood and calculated murder and spectacular suicide.

## CRUELTY AND SADISM

Becoming stale by repetition, we demand more and more desperate exhibitions of cruelty and sadism. These things provide an outlet for the frustrated emotions of a population which lives in a machine age. Those who participate in mass sports and who act in films have become proxies for us all.

## PROJECTION

Consequently, at the oval, we live in the person of the players; our muscles contract and relax with the progress of the game; our breath comes quick and fast; our shouts add to the drama; in moments of excitement we pound our neighbour's back or embrace him. By a process

## QUOTE FROM G.K.C.

"**W**E do not really want a religion that is right when we are right. What we want is a religion that is right when we are wrong. . . . A religion that binds men to their morality when it is not identical with their mood. . . . A religion whose saints preached social reconciliation to fierce and raging factions who could barely stand the sight of each other's faces. . . . A religion which preached charity to pagans who really did not believe in it . . . just as it now preaches chastity to new pagans who do not believe in it. It is in those cases that we get the real grapple of religion; and it is in those cases that we get the peculiar and solitary triumph of the Catholic faith. It is not in merely being right when we are right, or in being cheerful and hopeful and humane. It is in having been right when we were wrong, and in the fact coming back upon us afterwards like a boomerang." —Catholic Students' Guild.

# State Subsidies To Church Schools— The Arguments

[By a Staff Member]

**A** PART from the passionate tirade of Hickey (Aff.) who "had returned to his University after five years to find that freedom was banished and that dictatorship had reared its ugly head," collars were fairly cool to be under in the debate on State subsidies to church schools.

The points raised were familiar; the only one which had any great novelty was the question of whether or not the individual's lavatory should be flushed by the State. Speaking was not very vigorous, the high point being the stylistic bravado of Bollinger (Neg.). Attractive too was the quiet reasonableness of Dawick (Neg.) and Neazor (Aff.).

## HUMAN RIGHTS

Donovan (Aff.) started it off. He read an interesting speech, with constant reference to sources, and invoked that happy hunting ground of debaters, the United Nations' Declaration of Human Rights. People had free right of worship, therefore they could have their own religious schools provided that these were not subversive, of sufficient size ("we can't have a yogi school"), and conformed to a minimum qualification. Dawick (neg.) argued that religion historically is not the responsibility of the State. The idea that people should not be taxed for what they didn't use was fallacious, he said. "A lame man must still pay rates to keep the roads in repair." Roman Catholics could use the State schools if they wanted to. Their own were a privilege they had to pay for.

## CURSE OF SECTARIANISM

Neazor (aff.) said the Church schools performed a service for the State and should be paid for that reason. Jansen (neg.) spoke of abuses of State aid in other countries and of "the curse of sectarianism." First speaker from the floor was Elwood (neg.), who forcefully asserted that "religion and education are incompatible, and cannot exist together." Not quite logically, I feel, Larsen

(aff.) argued that as adherents of a religion must be trained in that religion, the State, by not giving aid, was depriving them of the training and therefore of the "right to worship." Thomas (neg.), vaguely reminiscent of Mr. Holland on Budget night, spoke of "the good of the community as a whole."

## AID TO COMMUNISM

Miss Dronke (neg.) contested the principal of State aid as opposed to specific claims. "Communism is a religion. Shall we aid it? And do we give churches aid in proportion to the number or the zeal of their adherents? I.e., does the Church of England or the Salvation Army get more aid?" Then Matherson (aff.) demanded religion for today's "rampart materialism" and Miss Leischer (aff.) said that since 82 per cent of New Zealanders were Christians they should jolly well want church schools . . . which just goes to prove Disraeli's quote about statistics.

Lee (aff.) sounded ominous warnings about the next general election. Jansen (neg.) questioned whether parents were capable of deciding what was the best type of education for their children, and Parry (aff.) advocated "Religion for Hutt Valley."

"It has always seemed to me a pity that to make a man do good in this world he must have promise of a reward in the next," this from Bollinger (neg.); and from DeCleeve (neg.) the pregnant and profound statement, "I have seen a young woman in the prime of life . . ."

With Dawick's reply, and Donovan, again invoking Human Rights, the debate concluded. Other speakers were Edwards, Robinson, Shaw (aff.) and Doogue, Redet, Herron, Hubbard (neg.). The judge's first four placings went to Bollinger, Dawick, Thomas and Elwood.

The motion was won by a vote of the Students' Association members (27-25) and draw by a vote of the whole house (29-29).

of projection, or self-identification, we escape for an hour from meaningless and personal insignificance.

## WHAT ESCAPE?

Is there any escape for us in our mass society? Or are we doomed to be puppets, fated to be lulled into a false contentment by the provision of "bread and circuses"?

The prophet Isaiah has a word of peculiar relevance for our contemporary situation: "I have called thee by name; thou art mine." God calls men out of a meaningless existence into personal fellowship with Himself. Life has a meaning, a purpose, when we feel we belong somewhere or to someone. God calls us not in a mass, but individually, "by name".

## INDIVIDUALITY

A man's name is his most personal possession; it distinguishes him from everyone else and marks him out as a distinctive person. God calls each one of us in this most personal way.

A realisation of this fact will inevitably transform life. It lifts us out of the mass; it gives us a new point of vantage; it gives us an insight

into God's purpose for the world, and enables us to become co-workers together with Him.

## "CREATIVE MINORITIES"

Professor Arnold Toynbee, who has examined in detail the rise and fall of the 26 civilisations of which we have historical knowledge, says that a declining civilisation can only be saved by the growth within it of a creative minority. Christians today have the opportunity of being such a creative minority. If our Western civilisation is to be saved it must be through the radical transformation of our machine society. Christians must work, therefore, for the reduction and elimination of its harsh and callous brutalities.

Christians, in the realm of leisure, must work for better cultural and athletic facilities, so that the human personality of every man may be fully developed.

But above everything else, Christians must proclaim the fact that God in Christ is able to deliver us from the paralysing sense that we are mere ants in an anthep. That is, they must proclaim that God calls us from life in the mass to a living, personal fellowship with Himself.

# SPORTS PAGE

## IN THE GYM

LAST year, and the year before that, the second term was marked by an increase in activity in and around the gymnasium. Perhaps it was the cold weather or the discomfort of studying in chilly classrooms and the feeling that in the gym there was a chance of warming exercise. Perhaps the onset of winter with emphasis being placed on team games and a felt obligation to prepare oneself physically for the demands they made, led many to undertake appropriate training. Again by the end of the first term many students, adjusted to the variety of calls made upon their time decided that they could ill afford to neglect that minimum of recreational exercise essential to good health.

This term the gym is a busy place. Most activity is centred round games periods or blank periods on the time-table when such games equipment necessary for padderminon, table-tennis and basketball is made available. Between eleven o'clock and two o'clock there is a steady flow of students to and from the gym and within a week there are several hundred who have taken part in some of the games offering. For the most part students seem to prefer to come and go as they please and it is difficult to maintain regular attendances at recreational classes. More men than women use the gymnasium, attendances by women being limited to dance groups and to team practices of various sports clubs.

An effort has been made to provide classes in various activities at times which appear to suit students who are interested. Very few students have made their wishes known in respect of suitability of times or of the desirability of activities on the programme.

I appeal to those students who read this paper and who are interested in the provisions made for their welfare and their use of leisure time to follow up the choice they made on enrolment day when so many expressed a desire to take part in one or more of the activities organised by the Physical Education Department of this college.

Fifty people indicated that they wished to attend Country Dance classes this year; sixteen have done so. Forty men wished to join gymnastic classes; eight have so far attended. Of the one hundred and fifty students who wished to attend Ballroom Dancing classes only ten have taken advantage of the opportunities offered. Some other activities have met the same response.

The quantity and quality of recreational opportunity which can come your way is dependent on you. I cannot believe that you are not interested in yourselves, but if you never get to know your fellow students I do believe that you can never be interested in anyone else.

W. H. LANDRETH (Phy.Ed. Officer).

## SOCCKER REPORT

### LEAN PERIOD FOR SENIORS

THE First team sank to a very low ebb in its drawn (0-0) game with Miramar Rangers, the bottom championship team. In fact with better shooting Miramar could easily have run up 4 goals against a ragged team whose performance must surely be the worst ever. The weakness was mainly in midfield and some of the gaps in the defence were quite appalling for a First Div. side.

### REARRANGED FORWARDS

Last week in a Chatham Cup match against Second Div. Diamond the team performed creditably enough and though the margin was only one goal Varsity enjoyed a 70-30 territorial advantage. The coach decided to rearrange the forward line because the inside forwards were not commanding enough of the midfield play. Alan Preston was moved to his old position of centre-forward and Joe Phillips with his boundless energy and speed was brought back to the more strenuous position of inside left.

The change was successful. Phillips dominated mid-field play sending numerous ground passes to his forwards and following up fast himself thus giving greater thrust to the forward line. He was also responsible for some stout defending when the situation demanded. At the same time Alan Preston with his greater weight, height and ball control, proved to be a great menace at centre forward. He sent in some stinging drives besides distributing the ball effectively when his own path was blocked by too many defenders. On Alan's right Peter Marsland gave an improved display collecting a superb goal which was certainly overdue for this unlucky player.

### FIREWALKING FORWARD

The outstanding player in the last four games has been slim, modest Perumai Naidu, probably the best all-round player to come from Fiji since the war. He lays claim to one distinction that is unlikely to be equalled in New Zealand. Naidu, together with his family, has performed in the firewalking ceremony at Suva several times without any ill effects. Certainly, by the way he runs on the football field one would

think that his heels were still lit up. Naidu's play at outside right has pleased the coach because he does not hold the ball longer than necessary and in the short time he has the ball he makes intelligent use of it. Endowed with uncanny ball control and speed Naidu also excels in all basic soccer skills. His speed is outstanding and perhaps the only major weakness is his tackling which is not strong because of his light build.

At right-half newcomer David Jones is fast becoming the most constructive back in the team, distributing the ball very efficiently and covering up for his team-mates smartly. His clearing and tackling are not of the same high standard. The other wing-half Peter Preston although selected as reserve for the Wellington rep. side has a great deal to learn about wing-half play but his attacking play is quite good when he remembers to keep his passes on the ground.

### GOALKEEPER UNSTEADY

After a good start goalie Page has been very shaky in recent games. He seems to get very nervous when under pressure and he often loses concentration when the play moves to the other side of the pitch. A little practice at proper "dead ball" kicking and punting would enable him to use his penalty area to greater advantage. With a little more alertness and intelligent application Page could become a first-class keeper.

### REPRESENTATIVE HONOURS

While Alan Preston, last year's N.Z. Rep. was bypassed by the selector for the Wellington side, centre-half Bill Aldridge was first choice in that position. He made a most unfortunate debut against Canterbury on June 8. After playing a fine game for the first 10 minutes Bill was forced to retire with a broken nose. He is expected to be out of the game for two weeks. He will be badly missed by the Varsity team as well as the Rep. team which is due to play the visiting Hong Kong XI on June 15. Peter Preston as the emergency back replaced Bill in the Canterbury game and turned in a creditable performance at right-half. Joe Phillips, Colin Richardson and Alan Preston played for various Wellington teams against minor districts XI's

## CUP WIN CONCEIVABLE

### ... But Hardly Likely

BY NO. EIGHT

PETONE 16, Onslow 14, Varsity 12 . . . That's how it stands at the moment. In the race for the Jubilee Cup, Petone have established a lead over their closest opponents Onslow and Varsity. Onslow could win, but Petone seems to have the Cup "all sewn up." What about University, the playing through champions? At the time of writing a Varsity win is conceivable but hardly likely. With three games to be played in the first round, Petone and Onslow should coast home in each of their's, whereas Varsity could easily experience difficulty in toppling Petone, a hard side to beat at any time. Then the second round, and Varsity will be hard pressed to defeat both Petone and Onslow, their conquerors in the first round. This would seem to be their only chance of annexing the Cup again, and while all is not yet lost, there is an extremely hard road ahead.

### PETONE VICTORIOUS

The Varsity-Petone game is now past history, and Petone's 14-8 win has been lost to posterity in the annals of the Rugby Union; but all who were fortunate enough to see this memorable game at the Park, on Queen's Birthday, will carry for some time the memory of a game which for excitement and a scintillating exhibition of Rugby has seldom been equalled in the history of Wellington club Rugby. The final score was a true indication of the respective merits of the two teams, and no one had occasion to grouse about the result. Varsity, club champions for three years, were beaten by a better team in the "village" combination.

At the interval, Varsity seemed to have a fair chance of winning, but in the second spell the heavy Petone forwards gave their game, but lighter, opponents no quarter and went on to clinch the game by gaining enough ball from forward play to give their formidable backline the scoring opportunities which spelt Varsity's doom. However, the student side were by no means belittled by their conquerors, but gave their best display this season. Their defence and cover-defence left little to be desired, while on attack every opportunity offered was seized with open hands and the Petone line was never an impossible goal.

### JARDEN OUTSTANDING

The outstanding Varsity back was once again Ron Jarden, who was always seeking scoring opportunities and whose defence confounded those

sceptics who are for ever criticising this facet of the winger's play. Several times he showed great anticipation in crossing the paddock to tackle Petone players who looked almost certain to score. Is this the play of a man who is said to be lamentably weak on defence? Mike Watson came on to play when Ryan was injured, and played a game right out of the box, scoring one brilliant try and engineering another. Surely, here is the player required to fill Fitzgerald's position at second five until such time as the All Black is fit enough to take his place in the line-up once more. In the forwards, Clark and Nepla were right on the job, Ivan Stuart again led his pack well, and Preston Thomas and Blathwayt, both light men, worked admirably in the locking positions.

### MASSEY OVERWHELMED

In the annual game against Massey College played at Palmerston North recently, Victoria had little trouble in defeating the local side, 27-9. Ron Jarden was in great fettle, scoring five tries and converting two to notch 19 of his team's points. The other scorers were the Clarks, Bill and Tony, who each scored a try, Tony also converting one. The Massey rearguard made little or no progress against Victoria's speedy backline, while the visiting pack had the rare experience of monopolising the supply of ball. Outstanding in the Victoria forwards were Bill Clark and Bill Nepla, while Terry Ryan, standing in for the injured Fitzgerald, made a favourable impression at centre.

## Men's Indoor Basketball

THE Varsity "A" men's indoor basketball team, playing in the Wellington Senior Competition, has met with varying success in the matches played to date. With five games behind them, Varsity has won three and lost two, notching 69 points to their opponents 64. Top scorers for the side are Peter Darracott, who has netted 40 points, and Ralf Salt, 1954 Wellington representative, who has run up 31. A particularly good game was seen when the team played Tech. O.S. "A", the undefeated championship leaders, and lost a very close and exciting game 9-10.

One great disadvantage that confronted the team at the start of the season was the absence of a coach. This all-important position has now been filled by John Roberts, a former CUC player who was injured in the Tech. game, and who has undertaken to coach the side for the rest of the season. Another unfortunate injury was that sustained by Jim Lewis who sprained his ankle, and his absence has robbed the top line-up of its full potency.

It is interesting to note that no fewer than six Varsity players have been selected to train in the Wellington rep. training squad. Those selected are Ernie Henry, Peter Darracott, Ralf Salt, Jim Lewis, Cliff Hoy and Ted Wright. All of these have a good chance of going further and making the rep. team. With players of this calibre in the side, Victoria should repeat the performance of last year and waltz away with the Winter Tournament Basketball at Dunedin in August.

The lower grade sides are still in the process of finding combination but have met with some success to date. The "B" team, weakened by the retirement from the club of John McLevie, have won only one of their five games, while the "C" team have won two and lost three.

## HOCKEY

THE Senior team has begun to work out a combination at last and the result has been three consecutive wins 2-0, 3-0 and 5-0. Against Rongotai Old Boys on the 4th the team started off with a very mediocre first half when even defeat was possible, but fortunately the players settled down to give a demonstration of sound positional hockey and proved the axiom that possession is nine points of the law by scoring four goals.

In the lower grades teams have been unfortunate in having many players away over the holiday period and so far very little combination has been developed. The second XI is at the moment running third in the grade but is capable of improving this position. Two members of the team R. MacArthur and G. Browne were selected from this grade to represent Wellington against Hawke's Bay in the under-21 match over the Queen's Birthday weekend.

The social team, consisting mainly of players who can play only occasionally, has been winning most of its games to date owing more to experience and ability than to fitness.

Both the Third and Fourth XI's have more often than not been short of players with a corresponding lack of success although here again both teams are capable of greater things.

On Queen's Birthday two teams from VUC played in the six-a-side tournament at Carterton, one of these losing narrowly to the eventual winners by a penalty corner after extra time. At Fielding Victoria was also represented by a team which was also narrowly defeated by the Tournament winners.

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