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Mr. Bertram to visit China; new decision

Mr. James Bertram, senior English lecturer at VUC, who was recently refused leave by the College Council to visit China, has now obtained leave and will make the trip at a slightly later date than originally planned.

Professor K. M. Buchanan (Geography) has not reapplied for leave as did Mr. Bertram, and will not go to China.

The Principal of VUC, Dr. J. Williams, released the following statement this morning:

"Since the last meeting of the College Council Mr. Bertram has made a further application for leave to go to China towards the end of the present teaching term and during the ensuing vacation.

"This application was of a personal and private nature and based on Mr. Bertram's extensive previous experience and knowledge of China. It appeared to the Council that it might properly agree to this application and it has granted leave to Mr. Bertram accordingly.

"Professor Buchanan has not made any further application to the Council."

The students' protest meeting called for last night to consider the College Council's refusal of leave for Professor Buchanan and Mr. Bertram was cancelled when it was learned the decision was likely to be reconsidered.

The Executive of the VUCSA, at its Tuesday night meeting, considered the matter for more than an hour before passing motions regretting the first decision and asking for a clarification of the reasons for the refusal of leave.

Harrier club looks strong this season

The VUC Harrier Club held their opening run for the season last Saturday. There was a good attendance at the run, which was held from Weir House, and it was particularly pleasing to see a large number of new club members running with the stalwarts.

The club, which has an outstanding record in competitive racing over the past three or four years, is again very strong both in number and in ability and has high hopes of retaining its place as Wellington's top harrier club in the season which has just begun.

The majority of the club's racing team are back again this year, and several notable acquisitions who will strengthen the club considerably. These include Derek Pringle and Dave Tucker from CUC, Peter Joyce, who has returned to the club following an absence of several years, and Des Deacon, one of Wellington's most promising juniors who has transferred from Baptist.

Members of the racing team who will be seen in action again this year are Graeme Stevens, Dick Gilbert, Tony Gow, Clem Hawke, Rod Orange, Jim Ryan and Mike Truebridge, all of whom raced in the victorious Wellington-Masterton team last year. Losses are Mike Brown, Tim Beagle-



Miss J. Spooner (CUC) diving at the N.Z.U. Swimming Carnival.

hole and Ian Sussex who have left Wellington. With the Shaw Baton coming up in May and the Masterton relay in early June, the club is settling down to some hard training and competition for places in the racing team will be very keen.

The club, which is one of the most active in the college, is always on the lookout for new members, and anyone who is interested in competitive racing or just a leisurely Saturday afternoon trot should contact Tony Gow, the club captain, at 81-252, or else Dick Gilbert or Peter Joyce.

No by-election necessary for Exec. positions

No election was necessary to fill the four Executive vacancies which resulted from the resignations of two women's committee members recently. The secretary and treasurer, Messrs. John Marchant and John Whitta, were declared elected to their offices unopposed, and Miss Gabrielle Jackson and Miss Margaret Newton were similarly declared elected to the two women's committee vacancies.

Promising Rugby tryout for Varsity Jubilee Cup team

The VUC Rugby Club held their selection trials at Western Park last Saturday and a wealth of talent was in evidence which augurs well for Jubilee Cup hopes this season. Victoria will be able to field perhaps their strongest senior side since the glorious days of 1952 and will be a major threat to any team with senior championship aspirations.

The backline should develop into a speedy and very effective combination with the Jarden-Fitzgerald duo, the axis around which attacking movements can be turned into dangerous sallies into opponents' territory. Peter Osborne is turning out again at full-back and VUC's last line of defence should be extremely safe in the reliable hands of this unspectacular but sound custodian.

Coupled with Ron Jarden in the wing three-quarter line up will probably be T. Ryan, a young player who showed great promise last season and who it is hoped will develop into a fast, purposeful winger. Jim Fitzgerald's return to the team will be more than welcomed by Varsity supporters who saw in his absence last season a backline which lacked thrust and was unable to make the best possible use of its possession of the ball.

Tony Clark has prospects of becoming one of Victoria's most potent weapons, as he has the pace, acceleration and football brains which are the hallmarks of a class footballer. Mike Watson was a find last year in the fly half position and should prove a valuable link between the forwards and the speedy backline.



1956 NZU Heavyweight Boxing Champion J. Samasoni (OLI) in light trunks fighting Wilson Whineray (CUC) 1955 titleholder in the final of this division.

New regime, better meals in cafeteria

A vast improvement in the quality of meals has followed the taking over of the VUC cafeteria by new management this week.

The president of VUCSA and chairman of the Executive's cafeteria sub-committee, Mr. Walter Iles, issued the following statement at the end of a meeting of the sub-committee on Tuesday evening:

"Several changes have taken place in the running of the cafeteria this year and I wish to give an outline of the position.

"Tea Services Ltd., who ran the cafeteria last year, informed us at the end of the year that they would not be prepared to run it again in 1956.

"Our attention was drawn to vari-

ous improvements required in the cafeteria and an application was made to the College Council to cover the costs of urgently needed improvements. The Council agreed to meet the costs and the improvements were effected over the vacation.

"Before the beginning of the term applications were called for the position of contractor to run the cafeteria. The Executive was seeking an independent contractor who would provide all equipment. On this basis Miss Rosie and a partner were selected from the applicants. Unfortunately arrangements between Miss Rosie and her partner fell through, and on the Friday before the start of term, Mr. Wall, who had had previous experience in university catering at Otago, was appointed on the same basis.

"In the circumstances the late opening of the cafeteria was unavoidable. Then, when the cafeteria was running, certain arrangements which Mr. Wall had in mind fell through and the cafeteria sub-committee decided to revert to its original choice of Miss Rosie on a different basis.

"Miss Rosie was then prepared to take over the cafeteria as from April 9, which she has done. To fill the gap between March 28 and April 9, the sub-committee engaged Mr. Wall's staff and ran the cafeteria itself for that period."

Diana Lescher resigns women's vice-presidency

Miss Diana Lescher, women's vice-president of VUCSA, has resigned her position after more than three years on Executive. Miss Lescher is studying under a Social Science Cadetship and has resigned because of pressure of work. The position of women's vice-president will probably be filled by co-option from the membership of the women's committee, and the vacancy on the committee then filled by another co-option. Miss Lescher's resignation is the fifth from Executive since the last main election in June 1955.

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NZU Drinking Horn and the future

It is unfortunate that the NZU Drinking Horn contest should have been the subject of so much unfavourable publicity in the daily press recently. The event has now become a tradition of University Tournaments and is not likely to disappear in the near future.

The perturbing fact is, however, that much of the criticism of the manner in which the contest is conducted is entirely justified. The Drinking Horn this year was a disgusting shambles, and it was little worse than others in past years. It took place in a popular public bar and was witnessed by scores of Wellington citizens, who presumably went away with a very poor impression of our University.

We do not wish to have the contest banned, as has been suggested by one of the daily newspapers. But if it is to be conducted in a public bar there must be considerably more order and organization than was in evidence this Easter. And a certain amount of decency should be maintained in what is not in itself a very civilized sort of competition.

This college and the University as a whole have not been highly regarded by the citizens of Wellington in the past, but there have recently been indications that relations between the city and VUC have been improving. As students of the college we should endeavour to encourage this trend. Nothing but harm, however, can be done by a public display such as the Drinking Horn contest ten days ago.

The amount drunk by many

competitors and spectators at the Drinking Horn is quite excessive. The end of Tournament is naturally a time for celebration and a certain amount of imbibing; but it should be remembered that the girl who enjoys being taken to the Tournament Ball by an escort who is recovering from a long afternoon's heavy drinking is the exception. At a rather liberal estimate it would not seem necessary to drink more than a dozen glasses of beer, provided the contest and trials are properly organized.

Nor should it be necessary to strip to the waist to drink. We are aware that some spillage is allowable and inevitable, but if the contestants must be shirtless let them drink elsewhere than in a public bar.

Much of the disorganization this year was due to the incredible amount of noise made by competitors and fellow-drinkers; despite his walking around on the bar counter and almost screaming directions, the "Controller" (sic) was only able to increase the bedlam.

At future Tournaments it is to be hoped that a minimum of publicity be given the Drinking Horn contest. We can scarcely wonder that the press turned up in force for the event when it figured prominently in an advertisement on the outside of the Tournament programme as well as on inside pages. The darker the event be kept in future, the brighter will be its prospects of remaining a hallowed tradition in the University. The only alternative is a complete official ban on the competition.

To the Editor

Dear Sir,

As we all know, intellectual snobbery is already extremely widespread in this College. In the past, Salient seems to have steered pretty well clear of this type of nonsense. However, in this respect I should like to make some criticism of the article in the issue of March 29, covering the meeting of the Literary Society held on March 19.

The article concerned was apparently written by one of those sorry people who think that anyone else who claims to understand "The Wasteland" is a liar, and who pretend to confuse any musician since Monteverdi with Louis Armstrong, and any verse since 1922 with the "Kolynos" song.

The section to which I take particular exception is, to quote, "Mme. Dronke . . . read Rilke and Hopkins. The audience . . . appreciated this intensely, earnestly. They had heard of Hopkins." This implication of ignor-

ance and insincerity on the part of the audience is unjustified and completely objectionable.

Finally, the article as a whole is, in its general tone, nothing but clever-clever, would-be-smartly-cynical frou-frou; to quote again: "Then came James K. Baxter, looking more like nobody but James K. Baxter than anybody you would imagine." . . . Hell!

I am, etc.,

J. SADLEIR.

Dear Sir,

Your Tibetan edition reaches us by yak train every fortnight, although somewhat delayed, and is very welcome for its superb coverage of international events. I read with interest the account in your last issue of the murder of the duke at Sarajevo. Hope there are no serious repercussions. I am, etc.,

F. A. DALAI LAMA,
 Shangri-la.

POETS WAX SATIRICAL

The Private Conference of Harry Fat

Said Harry Fat to Holyoake,
 "With fools outside the door,
 Wise men within, I'll tell you straight
 I hate the sulky boor
 Who flaunts his dirty fingernails
 And never owned a store."

"Oh, yes, indeed," said Holyoake,
 "We've met their kind before."

Said Harry Fat, "I've read about
 A doll who liked to sing,
 And when you tapped his wooden head
 His little bell would ring.
 I like the kind of country where
 The little man is king."

"I quite agree," said Holyoake,
 "It is a splendid thing."

Said Harry Fat, "I've heard it said
 The Civil Service needs
 Protection from the Communists
 Who sow rebellious seeds.
 The right man in the right place
 Will pluck them out like weeds."

"We must keep watch," said Holyoake
 "On any man who reads."

Said Harry Fat, "If you will take
 A business man's advice—
 Tell me a voter's income
 And I'll tell you his price;
 Although it's wiser not to come
 With the same promise twice."

"Upon my word," said Holyoake,
 "The point is very nice."

Said Harry Fat, "I call the man
 Who digs my garden, 'Bert.'
 He has his place and I have mine,
 His job's to shovel dirt.
 But I'll have no truck with a Chinese
 ape
 Who wears a peasant shirt."

"Except with guns," said Holyoake—
 "The message then is curt."

Said Harry Fat to Holyoake,
 "To falter would be sin;
 But oh I had a fearful dream
 When the small hours begin;
 I dreamt I was a mouse inside
 A mangy lion skin."

"We are the truth," said Holyoake,
 "The truth will always win."

—James K. Baxter.

MANIFESTO

of the Victoria University College Council

Our story is subtle:
 Since we're out to scuttle
 The knowledge that's known as induc-
 tive,
 You might idly deduce
 That our minds have no use
 For a method that might prove in-
 structive.
 But you would be wrong;
 Our tradition is strong
 In the realms of the purely deductive.

We'll grant no permission
 To practise sedition,
 However we choose to define it;
 Since all higher learning
 Depends on the burning
 Of dangerous thought, we opine it
 Requires our discretion
 To curb the expression
 Of heresy where we can find it.

We're quite up-to-date,
 Since the views that we state
 Are logically Aristotelian
 (Though working for NATO
 We're back up by Plato,
 We're not a bit Mephistophelian).
 We simply know,
 As the facts clearly show
 That Mao is neo-Hegelian.

But since we've the right to
 Refusal to fight you,
 We'll flush out our brains in com-
 mittee;
 Where no naughty scholar
 Can enter a holler
 Of protest, or try to be witty,
 By making us seem
 Like a poet's young dream
 For the theme of a humorous ditty.

All we need say
 Is that, as from today,
 The position up here is as stated:
 You'll get no permission
 To toy with perdition,
 However your I.Q. is rated;
 (And though you malign us,
 We'll cling to Aquinas,
 And we don't give a damn if he's
 dated).

April 1, 1956.

ANTON VOGT,
 Hon. Sec., qui mal y pense.

BETWEEN OURSELVES

Fashion news: Dress for early morning tennis is strictly formal.

We regret to record the disgusting behaviour of the person or persons who, at the tournament dance following the swimming on Easter Monday night, removed the door of the dance hall. Not only did this act of vandalism cause the dance to be concluded only a few minutes after it had begun, but it damaged the reputation of students in the eyes of the management to such an extent that it is considered unlikely students dances will be allowed in the hall in future.

After some years of retirement from student affairs Mr. Trevor Hill, B.A., is making a comeback; as well as being Salient's business manager, he is now secretary of the New Zealand University Student Press Council and a committee member of the Free Discussions Club. His final claim to notoriety is his moustache, which in accordance with many requests he has recently reduced in order to give Professor Jim Edwards a clear field.

A motion that liquor be permitted at Congress was passed at NZUSA during the Easter meeting. This was later recommitted and lost, however, the meeting apparently deciding to maintain the status quo. In the past, Congress-ites have been told of the regulation forbidding liquor but this regulation has not been strictly enforced. Nevertheless, this leaves the steering committee in an awkward position and we regret that positive action was not taken.

Our thanks to Bob Brockie for the most appropriate cartoons which adorned the walls of the Winter Show Cabaret at Tournament Ball.

The Ruapehu Ski Hut is almost ready for occupation. The last brick

has been laid and only the roof and floor are necessary to make it habitable. The next working party on the 14th hopes to see the roof in place.

At the Executive meeting on Tuesday night Mr. Denis Brown was appointed Capping Ball controller, and Miss Gabrielle Jackson Graduada's Supper controller. Both appointments are subject to acceptance by those concerned. Miss Gillian Hemery will be Capping Ceremony controller. No appointment has been made for the position of Capping Procession controller.

Three members of the VUC Rowing Club have been selected for provincial Olympic trials. They are Paul Canham and Wally Loader in the four, and Mike Winter in the eight.

More than 150 attended the "Fog Mozart" programme in the VUC Music Room on Thursday, April 6, making it the most successful concert here in recent years.

The concert was organized as VUC's contribution to the Mozart bicentenary celebrations. Works included in the programme were the quintet for horn and strings, a duo for violin and viola, four songs and a quintet for piano and wind instruments.

Easter Tournament concluded with a very successful Tournament Ball in the Winter Show Cabaret on the Tuesday night. Music was by the inimitable Garth Young and his orchestra, and an excellent supper was provided. Ball controller was Miss Diana Lescher, who once again proved her abilities as an organizer of a first-class evening's (and morning's) entertainment. NZU Blues were announced at the ball by VUC home tournament controller, Jim Hutchison.

What is Moral Re-Armament?

The following article, especially commissioned for Salient and the New Zealand University Student Press Council, was written by Mr. James Baynard-Smith, B.A., of Exeter College, Oxford.

AN IDEA TO WIN THE WORLD

The immediate future of the countries of South-East Asia and New Zealand depends on what idea grips the hearts and minds of the youth of Asia.

This past summer 3,000 students crowded into a Rangoon theatre built to hold 2,000. They were attending a special showing at Government request of "The Vanishing Island," the ideological play which accompanied the Moral Re-Armament World Mission throughout Asia.

The student body of Rangoon University is noted for its radical, revolutionary character. Members of the Cabinet expressed doubt whether the students would listen, yet there was wrapt attention throughout the play. At the end the President of the student body, ignoring threats of personal violence made to him earlier, leapt on to the stage and said, "I want to make the spirit of this play the spirit of my university and nation."

Some weeks later, speaking in Helsinki on his return from Moscow, Prime Minister U Nu of Burma said, "I wish to thank you for the new possibilities Moral Re-Armament has opened up for the youth of Burma."

The Moral Re-Armament World Mission of 242 people from 28 countries travelled 35,000 miles in three months at the invitation of 16 heads of state in Asia and the Middle East. They demonstrated for a billion people the ideology of inspired democracy.

From Tokyo to Cairo the response of students and of all men was overwhelming.

The Vice-Chancellor of Madras University evaluated the response of his 23,000 students following the visit of a similar task force earlier. He said, "Before you came, the students talked of nothing but Communism. Now the one topic is Moral Re-Armament."

In Cairo President Nasser received the World Mission in his official residence. To the press he declared, "This ideology could be a solution to save the world from the conflict between the so-called West and East. We should all believe in it."

He implemented this conviction by sending 34 professors and student leaders from the Universities of Cairo and Alexandria for three weeks' training at the World Assembly for MRA at Caux, Switzerland, at Government expense.

Peking or Wellington

The students of Asia and Africa have looked to Peking and Moscow and wondered. They have long since ceased to look to Washington, London or Wellington. They feel that democracy, as we live it in the West, only breeds moral apathy, political and industrial warfare, divorce and juvenile delinquency. But in country after country, the tide of history is being turned.

"The startling, astonishing, triumphant thing about Moral Re-Armament is—it works!" So said the "New York Journal American," in a recent editorial.

Today on a colossal scale the motives of men are being changed and an answer is being brought to all the "isms", even to materialism.

There are two main reasons why millions believe that Moral Re-Armament's success is inevitable, and that it must and will become the proclaimed philosophy of nations.

First, it is universal. It is for all men everywhere. It offers black and white, East and West, right and left, the common challenge of change and the common destiny of remaking the world. It says that no one class, race or nation can do it alone, but all need each other as they undertake together the supreme task of history.

Second, it is realistic. It deals with human nature. Nobody is more idealistic today and nobody more in love with fantasies than the editor, politician or intellectual who, while beating himself on the chest and telling everybody what a realist he is, seriously believes you can create unity in the world without tackling human nature, thoroughly and drastically on a colossal scale. Any remedy which fails to deal with human nature avoids the root of the problem. It is too cheap.

Moral Re-Armament gets results because it gets men changed. Its philosophy is simple. Frank Buchman, its initiator, puts it this way, "Everybody wants to see the other fellow changed. Every nation wants to see the other nation changed. But everybody is waiting for the other fellow

James Baynard-Smith was educated at Wanganui Collegiate School and later served as Aide-de-Camp to the Governor-General of the Sudan. Since 1952 he has been working in Asia, Africa and America with the world force of Moral Re-Armament.

to begin. The most reactionary man alive is the person who wants to see the world different but is unwilling to be different himself."

Dr. Azikiwe was no reactionary. Zik, as he is known throughout Africa, is the Prime Minister for Eastern Nigeria. He wanted to see the world different, but he was prepared to start with himself.

Rising prevented

"Were it not for the timely intervention of MRA," he says, "there would be Mau Mau in Nigeria today." Zik knows, because seven years ago 23,000 secretly armed men awaited his word to rise and end forever the rule of the white man in Nigeria. But the word never came. Instead of going to Moscow as he had planned, Zik went to Caux. In the unity being lived there by hundreds of people from many lands and varied races and classes, Zik saw a pattern for a free and united Nigeria.

He cancelled his journey to Moscow. He returned to Nigeria. He made peace with his political opponents and began to forge a force of men and women who would put the unity and welfare of their country before their own self-interest.

The President of the Nigerian students was one of many who rose to stand with Zik. Three years ago, during demonstrations opposing the Queen's Coronation, John Amata had torn down the flag. But this February, Amata took a leading role in the MRA all-African play "Freedom" which opened in Lagos during the Queen's visit, after a triumphant tour of the capitals of Europe.

The radical change in men like Azikiwe and Amata was what the "Eastern Sentinel" had in mind when it stated in an editorial during the Royal visit, "Many of our leaders from all parts of Nigeria, owe much to Caux, for the influence of MRA since 1949 has been greater than any one can assess."

Produced stability

"It has produced a stability in this country without which the Queen's visit would not have happened."

What is this force which takes an ordinary student or a statesman and makes him the sort of person who can change the course of a whole nation and provide an answer to the deepest needs of a divided world?

A diplomat of wide experience has answered it this way: "Moral Re-Armament is a phenomenon of the twentieth century. Frank Buchman has done three things. First, he clearly saw thirty-five years ago that the

world was not just at the end of war between great powers but at the start of a breakdown of civilisation.

"Second, he did not stop short at diagnosis. He built an answer that works. Third, and perhaps hardest of all, he gave his life to create a force to carry that answer to the world, so that today thousands of men and women in every part of the world provide an ideological army trained, tested and in action in over 118 countries to build the unity of renaissance."

You cannot join Moral Re-Armament. You cannot resign from it. Each one of us either lives it or does not. It is the simple choice in every heart whether we sacrifice our selfishness for humanity or whether we sacrifice humanity for our selfishness. Only the most blind and bigotted believe that we can demand to be left alone today while we continue to live selfishly, comfortably and undisturbed.

Moral Re-Armament is not just a personal matter—though it demands personal change.

It is not a moral movement—though it fights that absolute moral standards become the normal for men, cabinets and nations.

It is not goodwill—though, through change and the guidance of God, it can render effective that inert mass of goodwill in millions today which self-righteously preaches to others and accomplishes nothing.

M.R.A. is a revolution

It is a revolution, to bring social, political, economic, national and supra-national change, a whole range of motives to the whole world. But it is more than that. It is the ideology of freedom, the ideology of renaissance.

It offers the chance for everyone everywhere to go into action today to remake the world to satisfy the hunger for bread, work, peace and faith that lies deep in the heart of every man.

Yes, it works.

It works in North Africa. In both Tunisia and Morocco the new nationalist Governments say that it was the new factor which MRA introduced into negotiations with France which enabled them to achieve their independence during recent months. In his message to the MRA World Mission, the Prime Minister of Morocco, Si Bekkai, said, his Government "participates whole-heartedly in the action of the World Mission of MRA."

We may not be interested in ideologies but they are interested in us. For ideologies and not economic or political theories are going to decide the future of Asia, of Africa—and of New Zealand.

New Zealanders fortunate

Anyone who spends his early years in New Zealand may count himself fortunate indeed. Perhaps no other country can give such a start to its youth, with every material and recreational blessing. But while everything on the surface is glorious, yet national character and fibre may be collapsing from within, eaten away by the confusion and irresponsibility engendered by impurity and selfishness, pride and complacency.

I can only speak for my own nation and generation, but at least that is the threat facing Britain, whose youth desperately need an answer to this sort of drift. They need a purpose big enough to give everything for. They are beginning to find it in MRA, which clarifies the inevitable connection between moral defeat and national irresponsibility. Confusion comes from compromise. Clarity comes from change. The need is universal and the answer is totally effective on a global scale. To live in the realm of the answer is normal living for our generation.

Is New Zealand to remain a fool's paradise, an outpost of decaying civilisation, or will it fulfil its God-given destiny as the prototype and beacon light of a new society? Will there be revolutionary change and a force for purity welling up in the heart of every New Zealander? Clearly her people have the vision to see, the humility to listen and the courage to obey.

Just as Hillary pioneered on Everest, so New Zealand could lead the world to alpine heights in living and thinking.

In the words of Frank Buchman: "Human nature can be changed. That is the root of the answer. National economies can be changed. That is the fruit of the answer. World history can be changed, that is the destiny of our age."

"Why need there be catastrophe again, when, with God, renaissance is inevitable?"

Tournament (contd. from page 4)

Athletics

The overall standard at the NZU track and field meeting held on the Saturday and Monday of Easter weekend at the Basin Reserve was very high, in fact the highest seen at such a meet for a number of years. Some of New Zealand's finest athletes were seen in action and five NZU records were broken. There were by Doris May (CUC) in the women's 100, Margaret Mellisop (AUC) in the women's high jump, W. Travers (AUC) in the mile, R. G. Ball (CUC) in the shot and Murray Jefferies (AUC) in the high jump. The winners of the NZU Athletic Shield were Auckland, with Otago second and Canterbury third. In the women's section, Auckland were again the winners, with Otago and Canterbury second equal.

Victoria won only two events, both in the men's hurdles events. G. Hourigan was successful in the 440 hurdles and B. Jordan from Massey in the 120 hurdles with Hourigan taking second place. Place-getters for Victoria were J. Barry (3rd in long jump, 3rd in hop, step and jump), I. Hyslop (2nd in hop, step and jump, 3rd in high jump), R. Irwin (3rd in 220), B. Honiss (3rd in 220 hurdles), G. Stevens (2nd in three miles) and the sprint relay team which took third place.

Outstanding performances at the meeting were Murray Jefferies' high jumping, Peter Smith's sprinting which won him three titles, R. G. Ball's shot putting and Warren Travers' fine distance running. After the meeting had concluded an NZU athletic team to tour Australia was announced and appears to be a very strong one which should perform creditably across the Tasman.

Tennis

Victoria once again carried off the NZU Tennis Shield, this year in partnership with Canterbury however.

Title winners from VUC were Barry Boon (Men's Singles) and Boon and Murray Dunn (Men's Doubles). The VUC women's team did not do so well, meeting with strong opposition from the polished Auckland and Canterbury players.

The men's singles event saw many notable entries, including some of New Zealand's finest younger players. Brian Woolf (AUC) was an early favourite to win the title, but he met defeat in the semi-finals at the hands of John Montgomerie (OU). This placed Montgomerie first in the line of favouritism as he had played particularly well in this game and in his first round game when he beat Murray Dunn (VUC) 6-4, 1-6, 8-6. However, his opponent in the final was Barry Boon (VUC), defending NZU titleholder and a hard man to beat at any time. Montgomerie could not match Boon's steadiness and courtcraft, and Boon retained his title in straight sets, 6-2, 6-4.

The men's doubles saw another win for Victoria, Boon and Dunn meeting team mates Robinson and O'Neill in the final and winning 8-6, 6-1. Although Victoria swept the men's division, the VUC women were unable to emulate this fine performance and it was left to Auckland and Canterbury to supply the winners in this section. Miss Raewyn Dickson (AUC) won the women's singles title and Misses Hopkinson and Ower the women's doubles.

The mixed doubles title was won by Otago, G. Nicholson and Miss S. Murray defeating Dickson and Miss Ower (CUC) 6-3, 6-2 in the final.

Drinking Horn

The most-publicized three hours of tournament, those spent by a large number of the male members of tournament teams (and one or two of the women competitors) in the public bar of the Royal Oak Hotel, ended in Victoria's sole complete tournament win—the Drinking Horn.

Salient, a student newspaper in Victoria University College, printed by Kapi-Mana News Ltd., Plimmerton, and edited and published by Richard Nicholas Turner, journalist, of 54 Central Terrace, Wellington, for the Victoria University College Students' Association (Inc.), Wellington.

Thursday, April 12, 1956.

VUC disappoints in Tournament

Wooden spoon is becoming a habit

VUC played the role of perfect host to the NZU Easter Tournament, keeping for itself only the wooden spoon. Apart from sharing first place in the tennis, Victoria performed dismally, compiling a points total less than a third of those of Otago, the winning team, and Canterbury, runners-up.

Small consolation for winning the Spoon for the twelfth time in eighteen years was VUC's Drinking Horn victory. However, there are other things besides winning, and it was a successful tournament. Our congratulations to Otago, Tournament Shield winners. And to Wellington's weather, specially turned on for the occasion—Wellington isn't ALWAYS windy after all.

Basketball

The somewhat inexperienced Victoria women's basketball team, although maintaining a fair standard of play throughout the tournament, were unable to win a game against teams which were more seasoned and had had more match play experience, thus enabling them to reach a better combination and understanding. The VUC girls were by no means disgraced, and in point of fact they did better than a VUC team has done at tournament for many years. Otago were undefeated to win the championships, with Canterbury runners up and Auckland in third place.

Boxing

Victoria, winners last year of the NZU Boxing Shield, did not compete with much success in this year's contest. In fact they failed to win a weight. Only five VUC boxers entered the ring, and of these, three were eliminated in the preliminary fights. The winners of the shield were Auckland, who won four weights, with Otago and Canterbury each winning two.

In the final of the featherweight section, Pat Johnston (Victoria) took a thrashing from P. Hohepa (Auckland), the latter winning on a t.k.o. Johnston had no answer for the Aucklanders' constant attack and the fight was robbed of any interest which it might have held.

Reigning NZU champion, Doug Law (Victoria), was eliminated by M. B. Hill (Auckland) in a preliminary contest in the lightweight division. Hill went on to win the title and also the award for the most scientific boxer of the tournament. Law was a fighter hopelessly out of form, and had lost that speed in the ring which won him the title at Auckland last year. Hill had little trouble in keeping him on the defensive and went on to an easy victory.

Mike Webber (Victoria) was a little unlucky in his preliminary fight in the light welterweight section. His opponent opened a cut over his eye in the first round and the referee, Mr. Phil Stone, was forced to stop what might otherwise have been an extremely close and interesting tussle. This was an unfortunate happening which underlined the lesson seen in the Barry Brown-Fran Mikus fight—that a fighter should not enter the ring unless he is absolutely in the peak of physical condition and in no danger of what could develop into a permanent injury. Mr. Stone is to be congratulated from his prompt action in this regard.

Welterweight Brendon Scully (Victoria) was out of his class against a boxer of the calibre of Auckland's D. Tee and was defeated on a t.k.o. in the first round by the northerner who last year won his weight, the award for the most scientific boxer and an NZU Blue. Tee went on to win his weight, defeating his finals opponent without much difficulty.

Bob Stevenson (Victoria) put up an outstanding fight against the redoubtable Ian McDougall (Canterbury) in the final of the middleweight division, losing on a very close points decision. Stevenson was by far the outstanding local boxer and his performance against McDougall was a very creditable one indeed.



"This is becoming a bit of a habit," said Graham Kerr, OU delegate, receiving the Tournament Shield on behalf of the Otago team at the Tournament Ball.

Swimming

The overall standard in this year's NZU Swimming Carnival was on a par with that in previous years. Two NZU records were broken during the course of the meeting, by G. Leach (Auckland) in the 100yds. men's butterfly and Miss B. Ross (Otago) in the women's medley. The NZU Swimming Shield was won by Otago, with Auckland second and Canterbury in third place.

J. Hamilton of Victoria was the outstanding men's competitor, annexing two titles, namely the 100 and 220. His outstanding performances in these two events won him the award of his second NZU Blue for swimming.

The other Victoria competitors did not compete with any great success, and it was left to the water polo team to restore Victoria's prestige at the Tournament. The team was highly successful and won the NZU water polo championships. The side defeated Otago 8-1, Auckland 5-1 and drew with Canterbury 1-1. Outstanding players for VUC were B. Trotter and T. Verhoeven, both of whom were selected to play for New Zealand Universities against a Wellington side. T. Verhoeven was perhaps the outstanding water polo player at the tournament and his goal-keeping in the NZU game was impeccable.

Tournament Shield points

	AUC	VUC	CUC	OU
Athletics (Men)	12	—	3	8
Athletics (Women)	2	—	3	3
Basketball	1½	—	3	5½
Boxing	6	—	2	2
Cricket	—	2	5	8
Rowing	—	½	9	4
Shooting	4	2	1	—
Swimming	6	—	3	10
Tennis	—	6½	6½	2
TOTALS	31½	11	33½	38½

1st Otago, 2nd Canterbury, 3rd Auckland.

Cricket

With the arrival of the Auckland team in Wellington on the Wednesday morning before Easter, the 1956 NZU Cricket Tournament got under way at Kelburn Park. Victoria, led by Jim Thomson met Auckland, captained by Don Hunt, in the North Island colleges game. Hunt won the toss for AUC and elected to bat on an easy wicket. Shortly after lunch, AUC were all out for 173, Hunt compiling a very attractive 58. Bowling for the home team, John Martin maintained a good length and captured 4 wickets at a cost of 37 runs. Colin Campbell, fiery West Indian fast bowled from Massey, took 3 for 53.

Victoria compiled 206 in their first innings, thanks largely to a sterling knock of 81 by Pete Carver, of golf-

VUC's Blues winners

SALIENT congratulates the following Victoria competitors who were awarded New Zealand University Blues:

- I. V. NEWTON, Shooting.
- J. HAMILTON, Swimming.
- B. R. BOON, Tennis.
- M. L. DUNN, Tennis.

ing fame. Carver attacked the bowling with great determination and ably supported by skipper Thomson (31), gave VUC a first innings lead of 33 runs. When Auckland opened their second innings it was obvious they intended to go for the runs and they knocked up 211 for the loss of 8 wickets in quick time, at which stage Hunt declared, leaving Victoria requiring 179 runs for an outright win. Batting for AUC, Morris made 58 and McElroy 57.

Victoria, however, were content to look after their first innings lead, and play finished with VUC 3 wickets down for 66 (Carver 30), and the result was a win for Victoria by 33 runs on the first innings.

At Christchurch, in the South Island colleges match, Otago beat Canterbury outright in a low scoring game. The outstanding feature of this match was J. B. Park's 13 wickets for CUC at a relatively low cost.

Over the Easter period, the main game at Kelburn was between the two winners, Victoria and Otago. Otago, led by Plunket Shield rep. Gren Alabaster, batted first and made 192, G. Huist scoring all round the wicket for his 76 runs. Jim Thomson captured 5 wickets for 64, and Morrie McDonald of Massey 4 for 39. Victoria in their first innings could only muster 118 (Lance 28, Gibson 28). The outstanding bowler for Otago was R. Simons who took 7 for 33 in a sustained spell of extremely accurate bowling.

Otago, batting in their second knock, scored 159 (Harding 40). McDonald again bowled well for VUC, taking 5 for 70. Victoria, requiring 224 for victory, were all out in their second innings for 168. Thomson scored 49, Pope 42 and Carver 31. The result was a win for Otago by 65 runs.

On the adjoining wicket, in the losers' match, Canterbury beat Auckland outright. Features of this game were Dineen's century (101) and Leggett's 92 for CUC and Park's further 13 wickets for CUC bringing his

total bag for the tournament to 26, an outstanding bowling performance.

Final points for the NZU Cricket Shield were Otago 6, Canterbury 3, Victoria 2, and Auckland 0.

The NZU team to play Wellington was chosen by Mr. Eric Tindall, well-known Wellington sporting personality, and comprised: G. D. Alabaster, R. Simons and J. Kent (Otago), I. Axford, B. Dineen and J. B. Park (Canterbury), J. C. Thomson, H. R. Carver and J. Gibson (Victoria), and D. Hunt and M. McElroy (Auckland).

Rowing

Canterbury made a clean sweep in the Tournament Rowing Regatta held on the Korokoro course off the Petone foreshore, winning all four events contested. Otago took second place in the eights and fours, while Victoria were runners up in the double sculls race. Points for the NZU Rowing Shield were Canterbury 9, Otago 4, Victoria 3 and Auckland 0.

In the main event on the programme, the eights race, the crack Canterbury crew, all Olympic trialists, soon established a substantial lead and held it throughout the race to win by four lengths from Otago, with Auckland one and a half lengths away in third place. The CUC crew rowed with great confidence and combination and were never in danger of losing the race. Otago and Auckland maintained a steady rate of stroking and fought out the minor placings with great determination. Victoria got away to a bad start and were unable to make up the lost ground.

In the fours race, it was much the same story with the superior CUC crew showing the way to Otago with Canterbury No. 2 in third place. The Canterbury crew in the double sculls, R. Moginie and P. Spooner, proved superior scullers to the rest of the field and won by a substantial margin from Victoria's Wally Loader and Mike Winter.

In the first women's rowing event to be staged at an NZU regatta, the experienced Canterbury crew emulated the outstanding performance of their men's competitors and won an interesting race from Auckland, with the young and somewhat inexperienced Victoria crew in third place.

On Saturday night the VUC Rowing Club staged a highly successful rigger-string and dance at the Thistle Hall which soon showed an alarming resemblance to the Korokoro course. This, however, did make the re-row all the more authentic.

Shooting

Winning two of the shooting matches, the Victoria riflemen performed very creditably in the NZU Shooting tournament held at the Collin's Range, Trentham. I. V. Newton shot particularly well, finishing third in the individual competition and winning himself an NZU Shoot-Blue. Auckland were the winners of the Haslam Shield for inter-university competition with Victoria second.

The outstanding rifleman at the meeting was Roy Larsen, winner of this year's Services' Fifty and one of the best shots in the country, who won the NZU individual shooting championship. He headed a strong Auckland team which carried off the top honours for 1956.