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Rubber industry in Utopia —lively debate on birth control

"That this house approves of birth control" was the subject, and no wonder the Debating Club had their biggest audience this year when they met on Friday, July 13. No first-year students fainted, the house came to the right conclusion (for once), and Polson spoke. Quite a successful evening.

The subject was very dear to his heart, and Polson opening for the affirmative rapidly roused a somewhat frigid audience to hilarity. His definitions were lengthy and decidedly technical. Comprehensive too—(birth control—any means allowed except abortion). Birth control was the "most important invention of the nineteenth century."

Things were warming up now, and the audience began to see hidden humour in the most serious of speeches.

Shaw, leading the negative, thought the subject could be divided into two sections, (1) an examination of the act itself and (2) —? The second section might have been extremely funny. We do not know. Mr. Shaw found it very amusing. Perhaps the long silences throughout his speech were full enough explanation of section two!

Economics

Robertson followed for the affirmative. The audience appreciated the effectiveness of his subtle (though unintentional) humour, and quite overlooked his serious discourse of world economics.

Wyles (neg.) said that if not busy having children women were puerile.

First up from the floor, Miss Sligo (aff.) tried to convince the audience that the Victorian age was a horror, not to be borne by women. Then King (neg.) said it was worth having ten children, if only to extract £200 from the Government. Miss Goodwin (aff.) disagreed. The golden age for women was the age when birth control reigned.

Birth control was against divine direction and natural law said Black-

wood (neg.) and therefore wrong, but Thomas and MacNeil, in hot reply, demanded who was Blackwood to interpret divine direction and natural law anyway?

Someone for the negative thought that B.C. was a form of murder, but Polson pointed out that this, taken to its logical consequence would mean that anyone who doesn't marry (or, at any rate, anyone who doesn't have children) is a murderer, especially nuns and priests (assuming that they don't have any children).

Necessity

Last and most effective speaker for the negative was Whitta, who questioned the use of the word "approve," as people may practise birth control not because they approve it at all, but through necessity.

Shaw still thought that there were two ways of looking at the question, and Polson polished off the negative with a brilliant theological interpretation of the Old Testament crime of Onan.

The standard of speaking was high, and the judge placed Polson, Robertson and Whitta best speakers, in that order. The motion was carried by a large majority.

—F.S.

Maori to represent N.Z. at Ceylon conference

According to present plans Mr. Peter Gordon, a Maori member of the AUC Students' Association Executive, will be a member of the three-man NZUSA delegation at the Sixth International Student Conference to be held in Ceylon next month.

After the conference Mr. Gordon will visit a number of South-East Asian countries on a good-will mission.

At the Easter council meeting of NZUSA in Wellington it was decided that Mr. Gordon should attend the Asian-African Student Conference in Bandung, Indonesia, as a New Zealand representative. The Bandung conference was held sooner than was expected, however, and NZUSA did not receive an invitation.

An American foundation which was to have financed Mr. Gordon's travel to and from Bandung, has now advised NZUSA that it will pay for Mr. Gordon to go to Colombo and to a number of other South-East Asian

countries. The letter from America states:

"We are pleased to be able to inform you that we shall be able to make funds available for Mr. Gordon's round trip tourist fare to Colombo . . . the amount to be such as to enable him to follow the route you have suggested . . ."

The route proposed by NZUSA is: Auckland, Wellington, Christchurch, Sydney, Djakarta, Singapore, Colombo, Calcutta, Delhi, Karachi, Calcutta, Rangoon, Bangkok, Hong Kong, Tokyo, Manila, Sydney, Auckland.

Strong NZU side to play Springboks

The New Zealand Universities rugby team to play Wellington on Saturday and the Springboks on August 22 contains four VUC men.

The team is:—B. M. J. Dineen (CUC), R. A. Jarden (VUC), J. M. Tanner (AUC), E. S. Diack (OU), J. T. Fitzgerald (VUC) captain, S. G. Bremner (CUC), B. P. J. Molloy (CUC), H. C. Burry (CUC), W. H. Clark (VUC), R. W. Wall (AUC), D. F. Caughey (AUC), J. B. Buxton (CAC), W. J. Whineray (CAC), D. S. Webb (AUC), and J. B. S. Hutchinson (VUC).

Sixth world student conference to be held in Ceylon next month

The sixth International Student Conference is to be held in Peradeniya, Ceylon, September 11 to 21. New Zealand students will be represented by Mr. Peter Boag, president of the Auckland University College Students' Association, Mr. Peter Gordon, a Maori member of the AUCSA Executive, and Mr. Neville Beach, CUC representative on the Resident Executive of NZUSA.

Announcing the venue and dates of the conference, the Co-ordinating Secretariat of National Unions of Students (COSEC) says world student co-operation will be the keynote of the conference, as more than 55 national unions of students from all continents are expected to send representatives.

The conference, jointly organized by the Students' Councils at the University of Ceylon and COSEC, will be the most representative student gathering ever held. Peradeniya is the new site of the University of Ceylon, situated in the mountains of the island's interior. This will be the first time the conference has met in Asia.

Heading the tentative Conference agenda is a review of existing projects for practical student co-operation in such fields as student travel and exchange, international student publications, specialists' conferences and seminars, and a consideration of proposed new undertakings.

There will also be a thorough airing of complaints concerning the University situations in South Africa, East Germany, Paraguay and Venezuela.

The Ceylon Conference is the sixth in the series of annual International Student Conferences, inaugurated in 1950 when 21 National Unions of Students came together in Stockholm at the invitation of the Scandinavian National Unions.

Succeeding Conferences were held in Edinburgh, Copenhagen, Istanbul; the most recent International Student Conference took place last July in Birmingham, England.

Participation in the Conference grew from 21 at Stockholm to 52 at Birmingham; this year, it is expected that national student organisations from Liberia, Morocco, possibly national delegations from Pakistan, Cuba, and perhaps other countries will take their places at the Conference tables for the first time.

It is interesting to note that, although the original 21 National Unions were mostly from Western Eur-

ope or North America, the large majority of participants at Ceylon will be from Africa, Asia and Latin America.

Full voting participation in the Conference is limited to genuinely representative National Unions of Students. Credentials are vigorously debated at the Conference, which is determined to maintain its representativeness.

It was resolved at the Birmingham Conference last July that the Sixth International Student Conference would be the Conference of world student co-operation. While most National Unions of Students took part at Birmingham, and invitation was open to all, the Conference noted that some had not yet attended, particularly the national student organisation in Eastern Europe, Soviet Union and China.

The decision was made to make a special effort to bring all national student organisations within the framework of co-operation provided by the Conference. All those who had not yet attended were given special invitations either to attend or explain the reasons why they felt unable to participate, so that the Conference may take into consideration their views.

Mr. John Thompson, Administrative Secretary of COSEC, has just returned from a ten-day visit to several of the East European countries, where he had an opportunity to discuss with the officers of the national student organisations the possibilities of their attendance at the Ceylon Conference and answer their questions regarding it.

COSEC'S beginning

COSEC was established at the Second International Student Conference as the administrative agency of the Conference, to implement with the co-operation of the National Unions the programme of activities planned by the Conference, which establishes all policy. The Secretariat offices are in Leiden, Netherlands.

The primary achievements of the Conference have been in promoting practical co-operation among students all over the world. Particularly fruitful results have come about in such fields as student travel, where many thousands of students each year are able to travel abroad at greatly reduced costs; publications, with a new international student magazine, "The Student," just launched, and other publications for student leaders and the student press; specialist conferences annually held on student travel and the student press and seminars, where students from many different countries meet in smaller groups to exchange ideas and viewpoints.

Scholarship fund raffle results

The South East Asian Scholarship fund raffle will probably net about £160 for the fund, according to the organizer, Mr. C. G. Powles. Mr. Powles said he believed the raffle sales had almost reached saturation point. With the £160 added to the profits of the dance last night and of the Freshers' Ball earlier in the year he thought the target of £220 for the year should be reached.

All of the prizes, except one, were donated to the fund, and a business organization paid two-thirds of the cost of printing the raffle tickets.

The following prize-winners were announced after the drawing of the South East Asian Scholarship raffle at a dance in the VUC Upper Gym last night:

- First—2594, Michael Fowler.
- Second—3949, N. G. Pearce.
- Third—4761, J. Stafford.
- Fourth—6320, Penelope Riske.
- Fifth—4798, Helen Ngan.
- Sixth—3570, G. L. Brock.
- Seventh—3413, K. B. O'Brien.
- Eighth—6046, S. G. Lockhart.

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CANTERBURY PLAY HOSTS TO

A message from the president

May I, on behalf of the Executive and members of the Association wish all competitors a happy and worthwhile tournament.

I hope that our representatives will be worthy members of their respective teams and that they will be both agreeable and responsible guests of Canterbury College and the people of Christchurch.

The tournament team captain (Mr. Woodfield) and the junior delegate (Mr. Canham) have worked hard and well for the Association in the organisation of our part of the tournament and I trust that they receive the support which they undoubtedly deserve.

If the business of NZUSA Council is dealt with in good time, I expect to see at least two full days of the tournament before returning to Wellington.

(sgd.) C.J.C. Marchant
President, VUCSA.
August 8, 1956.

Indonesian graduate employment scheme

For several years past the Australian and Indonesian Governments have operated a scheme, initiated by the National Union of Australian University Students (NUAUS), for the employment of Australian graduates in Indonesia. After negotiations between the Governments of Indonesia and New Zealand, the NUAUS and NZUSA, it has been decided that New Zealand should participate in such a scheme.

Briefly, the idea is that New Zealand graduates work in Indonesia for a specified period (or less if they become dissatisfied) with the object of assisting the Indonesian people to build their war-ravaged country into a properly developed nation.

This is not a scheme whereby New Zealand graduates can hope to get rich quick in an underdeveloped country. While applicants must be "missionaries" in the sense of postponing the possibility of material advancement in order to assist less fortunate people, this is not a scheme for "missionaries" of any particular creed or philosophy.

Graduates will be expected to live in the same manner and receive the same rates of pay as Indonesians in similar positions.

NZUSA feels that this is a worthwhile branch of its international activity and that much good can come

of it. There is scope for recent graduates in a large number of different fields.

Although the number of selected applicants may be few, the scheme is expected to be beneficial not only to the two countries in the way of increasing contacts between them, but also to the individuals in the way of broadening their understanding of the problems of other people and in learning more of the practical side of their academic subjects.

The type of person required is not necessarily the expert but rather the recent graduate who is willing to use his or her much-needed talents in this work.

Those interested, including students who hope to graduate this year, should make enquiries to: The Director, Indonesian Graduate Employment Scheme, P.O. Box 1884, Wellington. Fuller information will be supplied to those enquiring in order to assist them to make up their minds whether or not to apply to be selected for this scheme.

N.Z. unrepresented at student press conference

Owing to difficulty experienced in obtaining advance information concerning the Sixth International Student Press Conference, New Zealand was not represented when the conference was held in Tunis in the last week of July.

It was hoped that funds would be made available by an American foundation for Mr. Nick Turner, editor of *Salient*, to travel to Tunis as NZU Press Council and NZUSA delegate. A few days before the conference was due to commence, Mr. Turner had still received little information on the conference, and no application forms; a director of the American foundation told Mr. Turner by telephone from New York that the board of directors was unable to allocate funds on the basis of the then available information.

The matter will be discussed by both NZUSA and NZUSPC at Christchurch next week. It is considered likely that a letter will be sent to the conference organizers expressing concern at the lack of information made available in time for arrangements to be made for this country to be represented; a more general letter, suggesting that the organizers of future conferences be asked to bear this matter in mind may be sent to COSEC, under whose auspices most such conferences are conducted.

VUC sending strong teams to Christchurch

More than 100 VUC students will travel to Christchurch this week-end for the NZU Winter Tournament, to be held there August 13 to 16. In addition to eleven sports teams (plus emergencies, extras, hangers-on, supporters, mascots and odd bods) there will be dramatists, orators, debaters, delegates to NZUWTC, NZUSA, NZUSPC and WUS. And for the sake of perversity, there are bound to be some going for—yes, the Drinking Horn (shshshshsh).

Tournament will be officially opened on Sunday, August 12, but things won't really get hotted up until the next day. It all culminates in the climactic Tournament Ball on Thursday night. What a week—and the Third Test at Lancaster Park on the Saturday for those who suffer from Rugby mania.

Reports reaching us from the south indicate that CUC's organization for the "last week of fun before the real work starts" will ensure that a couple of further weeks will be spent by participants in recuperating afterwards.

There have, however, been some slight disappointments. Despite several appeals to the Army authorities for the use of the King Edward Barracks (all unsuccessful) the indoor basketball will be played in the gymnasium at Wigram, where spectator accommodation is very limited. Even the NZU v. Canterbury match, one of the best spectator events of the week, will be played there.

However, the Drama contest will be held at the Repertory Theatre; VUC will produce an abridged version of the very successful New York show "Cat on a Hot Tin Roof" by Tennessee Williams.

The debating and oratory contests will be held in the CUC hall. Badminton will be played in a motley of small halls spread over an area of the city sufficiently large to ensure plenty of training runs for the players.

Golf will be played at the Russley course, one of the country's best. Cross-country running will be held over the usual course from the Stone House at Cashmere, while soccer and hockey will be held in various parts of Hagley Park. Fencing will be in the CUC Gymnasium, table tennis at the Selwyn Street Hall and smallbore rifle shooting at the Bangor Street range.

As for the numerous dances, parties and other social concomitants of Tournament—you'll find out where they are by the grapevine if they aren't in the programme.

Ah, yes, and we believe the daily press in our host city will be good enough to turn a blind eye to the most unofficial event associated with Tournament, the one we don't mention after what happened in Wellington at Easter.

Badminton

The performance of our team this year is very hard to predict. Only one of the men has hitherto played in tournament competition, and that is Jim Thomson, the team captain. His outstanding play is well known and it is hoped that he will be lucky enough to win a Blue this year.

The remaining men, Colin Johnson, Bill Paterson and Ian Wilson are all very keen and have been prominent in inter-club competition this season.

Of the women, Betty Nelson and Helen Wilkinson are both seasoned tournament players and on present form they should do extremely well. The remaining members, Gretel Buchler and Judith Kirker, are new to tournament, but as they are very keen and extremely promising players, we are predicting great success for them.

Basketball

Men's

This year's tournament team should be notable for balanced team work and good all-round play. No player "carries" the team; the success it will undoubtedly have at tournament will be contributed to by all players.

At centre Neville Dawkins, a stocky "pivot" player who shows promise of becoming one of Victoria's outstanding players. Playing in a position with which he is not familiar, he has already given a very good account of himself in club competition, and is one

of the team's consistent scorers. Dawkins is supported by two very fast-breaking forwards in Gerald Aitken and Derek Johnston. Both these players have ironed out shooting faults, and they and Dawkins now form a very formidable forward line. Newcomer from the B team, King Fletcher, is a fast, aggressive player, and from his recent performances it seems that he will be in the upper bracket of forwards at tournament.

At the back of these players are guards Peter Doogue, Ken Stevenson and Bunny Honiss, all of whom have performed creditably in interclub competition. Honiss and Doogue (captain) can fill the forward and centre positions efficiently, giving the versatility necessary of players in tournament play. The tallest man, Stevenson, is a good all-round guard whose natural ability more than overrides his lack of experience.

Defensively this team is first class and will be one of the hard ones to score against at tournament. Offensively under the direction of coach Jim Lewis a very strong combination is being built. This will certainly be a team that will take a lot of stopping.

Women's

The VUC team this year is a very well balanced one, having a solid core of most experienced and seasoned players, along with one or two who are relatively new to the game but who are showing distinct promise.

We were runners-up to Otago last year from whom we are also expecting our stiffest opposition this year. Team personalities are:

Forwards: Ina Bowman, a very experienced player who was captain of AUC last year and also in the NZU team. This year she has represented Wellington; Judy Davenport, a most promising player who was in the NZU team last year and is now in the Wellington representative training squad. Elizabeth Crip is having her first season at indoor and has been promoted from the B Grade side for tournament. She is a good outdoor player with a good pair of hands and should adapt herself well to the indoor courts.

Guards: Kath Beddingfield is one of the outstanding players in the side who repped for NZU last year and Wellington this year. A very confident and energetic person on the court. Penelope Riske is on the verge of the A team and was in the tournament team last year. Her play is neat and versatile. Julie Walpole is another first year player. Julie usually plays in the B team and is very tall with a good pair of hands. Hazel Bjick (captain) has a very fine record and is in both the Wellington and NZU teams—she has been captain of the latter since 1953. Hazel is probably the best player in the side and a most capable and popular leader.

Fencing

The team that won the Otago Fencing Shield last year will defend it again this August at Canterbury, the only change being the inclusion of Janet Scrivins in our ladies' team. Experience has strengthened our team considerably, especially the men's foil and sabre teams.

Personalities this year are: Alan

VUC orators and debaters for Chch

Mr. Hector MacNeil, winner of this year's Plunket Medal, and Miss Susan Mitcalfe, will represent VUC in the Bledisloe Medal oratory contest in Christchurch next week. Mr. MacNeil will speak on Te Whiti and Miss Mitcalfe's subject is Robin Hyde. The subject must be a person connected with New Zealand, or an important event in New Zealand history.

VUC's Joynst Scroll debating team in Christchurch will be Gordon Cruden, last year's Plunket Medal winner, and Ted Thomas, both experienced and very capable debaters.

In an address the Governor-General of Australia, Sir William Slim, criticised the increasing tendency towards specialization in Australian Universities. Sir William said he thought that Science and Arts students were both lacking in knowledge of each others' points of view. "No man can be wise, however clever he may be, without cultural background to his specific knowledge," he said. Sir William suggested that a year should be added to the courses of first-year students in which Arts students should study Science, and Science students study Arts. (On Dit, Adelaide—Student Mirror.)

The National Union of Australian University Students (NUAUS) has accepted an invitation to send a ten-member student delegation to China. (NUAUS—Student Mirror.)

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Wilson, the vice-captain, whose sense of fair play will not prevent him winning most of his bouts this year. Christopher Beeby's informality on the piste is in truth a disguise of his fencing which is fraught with great cunning.

Kent Beard buckles his awash with a degree of efficiency equalled only by his roar on attack when really playing for "keeps."

Diana Fussell's experience and savoir enable her to simulate an angelic disposition on the floor—cave! Janet Scrivena has fenced for several years and with a schoolgirl's simplicity is quite a ruthless opponent.

Dawn Franco learnt her skill on the appendectomy table and has a continental touch. Anthony Ellis has experience if nothing else.

There is a remote possibility that VUC may not win the fencing at the tournament.

Golf

The following golf team has been selected to represent Victoria at Winter Tournament.

G. W. Blathwayt (hdcp. 7): A very steady match player, at present playing to his handicap. A long hitter, Gerald's length from the tees should prove invaluable. Represented Vic. 1954.

B. R. Boon (hdcp. 4). Barry has represented Victoria for the last four years, reaching the semi-final of the N.Z.U. Golf Championship on three occasions. A member of the Hutt Golf Club's Duncan Cup team, and a consistent performer.

H. R. Carver (hdcp. 2). Present NZU golf champion (winning his first title in 1954, Pete has been playing golf of a very high standard, having recently had par or better on Paraparaumu, Lansdowne, Belmont and Miramar. A member of the Wellington Golf Club's Duncan Cup team and Wellington provincial team.

T. M. Gault (hdcp. 5). A first-year student, Tom will be a decided asset. A member of the Paraparaumu Golf Club's Duncan Cup team, he has performed very well in recent tournaments.

In addition to the above, the following members will also travel south to the tournament as free lances: D. V. Barry, B. J. Bennett, B. Kitto, R. A. Smith and P. W. Stainton.

As Otago, Canterbury and Auckland are sending women's teams to compete on an unofficial basis it is unfortunate that Victoria will not also be represented. However, it has been proposed that those members of the committee not listed above masquerade as ladies.

Our team this year must number among the stronger ones to have represented Vic. and on paper should materially assist Victoria in escaping the all-to-frequent Wooden Spoon.

Harriers

Although not up to the standard of VUC teams in the past few years, the Victoria team this year contains a number of old hands whose experience will be valuable.

Tony Gow, six times in tournaments, and this year's VUC club champion, is running well. Two ex-CUC men will be with us this time—Derek Pringle, who returns to VUC after four years with CUC for his sixth tournament, and Dave Tucker, another experienced runner.

Bob Croker will represent VUC for the fifth time, and Rod Orange, though not as fit at present as in previous years, is still running strongly. Wilf Malcolm is the club's find of the year, and is possibly the fittest man in the team and one to be watched. Des Deacon, who hopes to travel with the team as an "extra," is another new member who shows much promise.

Hockey

Men's

A younger team than last year, but one not lacking in talent. The following thirteen players have been selected to represent VUC:

Robbie McArthur, was a Wellington Colt last year. This is his third tournament. Mike O'Connor has represented N.Z. Secondary Schools (three years), Wanganui and Wellington at hockey. Keith Beresford was an emergency for NZU team last year. Ray Hamblly is a very reliable full-back

playing in his first tournament.

Wilf Haskell played for CUC last year. This year he is the Wellington representative centre forward. Graham Latimer is playing very well this year. Barry Cathra, a law student, who usually plays at centre-half, Don Mathieson is the probable centre-forward. This will be his third tournament.

Murray Humphries, last year's goalie, is now playing in the halves. Lionel Stewart is a first year student who is playing good hockey. Keith Dreyer plays equally well in either the full-back or half-back positions. Gavin Browne is a speedy left winger. Kirk Taylor is a very reliable goal-keeper.

Comprising five of last year's tournament team—Beresford, McArthur, Humphries, Cathra and Mathieson—this should be a sounder team than the one which was beaten by Otago in the final last year.

Women's

The 1956 team this year will consist of mainly ex-secondary school and junior grade representatives who will be playing in their first winter tournament. Those who have gained first year honours are: Rae Goodwin, an ex OU C representative, 1954-55. Joan Burnett, who was a Manawatu junior rep. in 1954. Mary Lyons, who was in the Varsity B team last year. Natalie Griffin, Betsy Andrews, Barbara Saunders and Sally Gentry have all represented Wellington secondary schools. These players are all newcomers who have shown great improvement and should be playing good hockey by tournament.

The more experienced players are: Captain, Cherry Polinton, the Vice-captain Ruth Kingsford, Judith Orwin the Club Captain, and Goalie Anne Mellraith, all of whom have played senior representative hockey. These players are the stronghold of the team and under their guidance the more inexperienced players should hold their own against strong opposition.

The two reserves this year are:—Jane Buckley and Margaret Mathewson, who will be new-comers, and the experience they will gain at the tournament should prove most valuable for following years.

Shooting

None of the team which represented VUC last year will be with us at Christchurch, but two experienced shots who were not available for selection for Dunedin will strengthen an otherwise young team.

Brian Bradburn is back with us after a year with AUC; an NZU Blue and veteran of four tournaments, he is shooting consistently high scores.

Jim Mansell, with the help of the club's new international, is producing fine scores, and won this year's Wellington B Grade championship. Graeme Barnard, formerly of CUC, is shooting in his first tournament, as are Ian Chatwin and Denis Middleton, all of whom show promise.

Skiing

Ski Heil! This will be the first tournament for some time at which Vic. will have complete teams in both the men's and women's events. Despite the unfamiliarity of Queenstown's powder snow both teams should do well.

Audrey Todd, our sole women's representative last year, will be defending her Giant Slalom title won against strong opposition. Audrey has been selected for the NZU team to visit Australia soon. Lottie Hess, who has done most of her skiing in Switzerland, should be able to show the South Islanders a thing or two, and with Sally Rogers and Di Lecher to make up the four, we have a team as strong as anybody's.

In the men, Sven Vartik is another who did well last year with a third in the Slalom, and who has had continental experience. Steve Gentry has a pretty good record for Canterbury and these two will be supported by Mike Godfrey and Jim Larsen.

Last year the men were second to OU, and Audrey put up a good showing on her lonesome; with the core of the team remaining at Vic. for some time and with our own hut next year the future looks bright.

Soccer

Ram Villash, right half or right back. Age 23. Has played consistently well throughout the season. Ram is a little short for a full-back, but is a most determined tackler. At half is a sound defender and constructive on attack. Heads well and has a good knowledge of tactics. First tournament.

John Tannahill, inside left or left half. Age 18. Not a great deal has been seen of John, but he seems a sturdy player who should not be upset by the grind of tournament. First appearance.

Robin Bain, left wing or left half. Has shown to better effect on the wing than at half. Very fit and enthusiastic but requires more experience. Could profitably learn to head the ball. Playing in first tournament.

Dick Holland, centre forward. Age 19. Tall player who can shoot well with either foot, has first-class ball control and heads well. Dick has not shown the improvement expected this year.

Trevor Lienert, inside right. Age 21. Trevor is a useful forward who is fast and keen. If he can curb a tendency to crowd his fellow-forwards and to keep his shots low should do well at his first tournament.

Ron Pemberton, half back or inside forward. Age 20. Ron has been unfortunate in suffering injuries this season and this has hampered his progress. A sound and constructive player, he has usually looked capable and if he is fully fit may be expected to do well. Could profitably try to develop crisper passing and harder shooting. First tournament.

Jim Denton, half back or inside forward. Age 24. Probably better at half than in the forward line. Has shown better form this season than previously and should perform reasonably well. Represented VUC in 1953.

Chris Louis, inside forward. Age 24. A keen player who showed a sudden improvement this season when he seemed fitter and faster than in earlier games and also displayed a new asset, that of heading the ball. Chris still needs to improve his passing and shooting, but is a hard worker and may be expected to toil honestly. Represented VUC in 1955.

Anand Gopalan, goalkeeper. This season has been a lean one for Anand, who gives of his best when the cards are stacked against him. Second tournament.

Brian Hudson, left back. Brian is a keen full-back who defends and tackles well and turns in a good game. First tournament.

Stan George, half or back. Stan is a versatile player who has shown good form this season and should do well in the rigours of tournament. Third tournament.

Perumal Naidu, wing or inside. Perumal is a speedy and clever footballer who always uses his football brains to advantage. Deadly accurate with either foot. Second tournament.

Nick Greenwood, wing or inside. Nick is a well-built, lively player with a good shot and a quick brain. First tournament.

Table Tennis

Though not as strong all round as in the last two years, Victoria are optimistic about their chances of retaining the Table Tennis Shield. Only two of last year's team are available, but they are expected to win all or most of their matches.

They are Elizabeth Lesser, a steady half-volleyer who won the women's singles last year and is playing in her sixth successive winter tournament for Victoria; Alan Robinson, winner of the men's singles in 1954 and 1955, an NZU Blue in 1955, and who this season is second in Wellington representative team and playing the best he has ever played.

The newcomers to the team are Marlon Morrison, a greatly improved player this season who possesses a strong forehand drive; Stan Catley, an attacking left-hander who wields a sponge covered bat to the great discomfort of most of his opponents; Robin Court, a steady defensive player who has had an able attack when he feels like using it, and Geoff Thomas, a dour defensive player who never gives a point away.

THEATRE

Teahouse of the August Moon

(by John Patrick)

From a play which has been running on Broadway since October, 1953, and in the West End since April, 1954, and has won the Pulitzer Prize and other honours, I expected something extremely good. Frankly I was disappointed by the play, which tended to be slow. It needed more variety in mood.

The plot centres around a young American Captain, who is sent to democratise the village of Tobiki in Okinawa. Frisby, the captain is the type of person who thinks that "machines have always been my mortal enemies. I think they're full of malice and ill will." In other words everything he touches somehow goes wrong.

From the beginning it is obvious that the Orientals are not going to be democratized and in fact poor Frisby is going to be Orientalized. When Frisby tries to make some money for the villagers, by selling their home-made brandy to the U.S. Navy, his senior officer, Col. Wainwright Purdy III (excellently played by Grant Taylor, who surely must have played an infuriated officer in a Bob Hope army film) becomes suspicious that democracy is not being taught in Tobiki, descends on the village to find a Teahouse instead of a school has been built. Frisby is put under arrest, and in one well written scene he says goodbye to Lotus Blossom, with whom he has fallen in love.

This scene is full of pathos, but it spoils the ending of the play, which ends inconclusively, as the colonel is invited into the Teahouse for a cup of "tea." If another scene between the two lovers had appeared nearer the beginning of the play, we would have been prepared for the touching farewell.

Frisby, as acted by John Bonney, was a very nice young American, when he should have been far more at a loss among the army regulations and the natives of Okinawa. The best part in the play is that of Sakini, the interpreter to Frisby, and a commentator to the audience on the action of the play. Harry Chang was on the stage nearly all the time, and he made Sakini a delightful "rare rascal."

The direction was good, if unimaginative. But the scenery was imaginative, simple and attractive.

One other actor who performed with distinction, and did not disgrace herself, was Betty Blue, who played the part of Lady Astor.

An entertaining evening, if hardly worthy of a Pulitzer Prize.

—LDA.

Executive 1956-57

The VUCSA Executive declared elected at the AGM on June 28 is: President, Mr. C. J. C. Marchant; Secretary, Mr. Brian C. Shaw; Treasurer, Mr. Barry Hume; Men's Vice-president, Mr. E. A. Woodfield, Jun.; Women's Vice-president, Miss Gabrielle Jackson; Men's committee, Messrs H. R. Carver, P. Canham, A. A. T. Ellis, and A. Ward; Women's Committee, Misses Susan Mitcalfe, Jeanette McCracken, Rosemary Lovegrove and Jill Le Fort.

The Canterbury University College Students' Association decided last year that proceeds of Capping activities should be given for charitable purposes. Asking for an allocation of funds from Capping profits for a film projector for the CUC Engineering Society, Mr. G. D. Macaulay told the Executive "I think there's a lot of ill-feeling in the University about the Drama Society getting a grant of £300 from Capping funds for the production of "King Lear," especially as I understand that £250 is being spent on publicity.

The president of CUCSA, Mr. J. G. Rutherford, told the meeting charity was defined in the preamble to an Elizabethan statute and drama came wit in this definition.

N.Z. not invited to . . . Asian-African students conference in Bandung

Twenty-nine countries were represented at the Asian-African students' conference at Bandung, Indonesia, May 30 to June 7. New Zealand received no invitation to send representatives, and Australia received an invitation the day before the conference commenced. It is understood that the only strong opposition to Australia and New Zealand being invited was expressed by Chinese delegates on the International Preparatory Committee, and that in the face of this opposition the other countries on the committee conveniently decided not to press what they considered to be a perfectly valid case for our invitation.

The Australian National Union then wrote requesting an invitation and were told they could send a press observer. Their International Affairs Vice-president immediately flew to the conference and was successful in gaining observer status.

Australian student newspaper reports indicate that from the point of view of Australia and New Zealand the conference was worse than a complete failure.

Information from various sources has been collated to give the following picture of the conference.

Dissension

Not only was there much argument between delegations and between groups of nations represented, but there was major dissension within the delegations of India and Indonesia. On the first day of the conference delegates from nine countries—Pakistan, Ceylon, Malaya, Afghanistan, Iran, Japan, India, the Philippines and Indonesia agreed to walk out if political issues not directly related to students affairs were brought up. It is known that Pakistan, Malaya, and the Philippines were leaders in the walkout move, and that the Indian and Indonesian delegations would split on the decision whether to stage the walkout.

A meeting in the lobby of a Bandung hotel to discuss this matter broke up in disorder when two rival Indian delegates each claimed to be leader of the Indian delegation. Each delegate was noisily supported by rival factions in the Indian delegation, and the chairman adjourned the meeting to the conference hall. The cause of the split was not immediately clear, though it later turned out that one group, led by Pran Sabharwal, declared itself to be "non-Communist"—the other faction presumably being "pro-Communist."

In the conference hall it was announced that after the opening speech

of the Indonesian delegation leader the conference would adjourn. Sabharwal immediately objected, his objection was over-ruled and the Philippine delegate on the IPC stepped down from the rostrum and supported him from the floor. Further uproar broke out between the Indian factions and the meeting was eventually adjourned until further notice.

On June 6 the conference split into five "commissions" to discuss real student problems for the first time since the conference began a week earlier.

On June 7 the conference concluded in official accord but not without last-minute bitterness. A heated exchange occurred between members of the Indian and Pakistan delegations; India had sought conference support for the freedom of Goa, but Pakistan objected, and for the sake of unanimity the steering committee rejected the Indian proposal.

Communique issued

In a sudden burst of speed after more than a week of slow progress the conference produced a lengthy communique and adopted resolution dealing with both student problems and world affairs. The resolutions condemned colonialism and racial discrimination and recommended steps towards closer relations among the students of Asia and Africa.

The communique stated the conference had considered common problems and common interests in an atmosphere of mutual understanding and closer friendship. It then listed a number of unanimous agreements.

The resolutions were recommendations of sub-committees in which India and Pakistan and their supporters are understood to have moderated the demand of Communist China and its supporters by demanding that the resolutions be unanimous and threatening that otherwise they would walk out.

students travelling to Australia will have longer away than the Australians will have here; and those organizing the scheme at this end will have twice the number of students to cope with.

In addition to the two plane-loads of Australian students there will doubtless be many arriving by sea. Organization of hospitality, accommodation and jobs for Australian students will have to be far more efficient this summer than it has been in the past. It will be necessary for college Executives, particularly in Auckland and Wellington, to ensure that a committee of reliable persons should be asked in the near future to begin work on these matters. In the past organization has been very loose and inefficient.

H. MacNeil wins 50th Plunket Medal contest

About 200 people were present at the fiftieth Plunket Medal contest at the Concert Chamber on June 30. The standard of speaking was good and the judges faced a hard task when they came to decide the winner. Hector MacNeil was placed first for his sincere and oratorical presentation of the life and character of William Morris, politician and poet. Brian Elwood was placed second, Miss Pat Newcombe third, and Ted Thomas was highly commended.

The chairman, Gordon Cruden, gave a brief introduction in which he mentioned Lord Plunket and the origins of the medal, before he introduced the first speaker of the evening, Mr. John Dawick.

In a strong, well-modulated voice Mr. Dawick defended British Imperialism and in particular Lord Cromer. Although he faltered at times, Mr. Dawick gave a good speech, the main defect of which was that it dwelt more on Imperialism than on Lord Cromer.

Mr. Larsen spoke on Nansen, the explorer, navigator, and statesman. The speech was well written and the delivery fluent, but Mr. Larsen did not use his voice to the utmost and failed to appeal to the audience.

The next speaker, Mr. MacNeil, spoke with assurance and confidence. Although he gestured rather frequently, his voice was well controlled, his words well chosen, he seemed sincere, he held the audience and made Mr. William Morris seem a real and a great man. His was the first speech which really seemed to be oratory.

Elwood on Ngata

The speaker who was to be placed second, Mr. Brian Elwood, followed Mr. MacNeil. He too, presented an oration. In a full rich voice, using well spaced gestures and with command of his subject and the stage, he spoke on Sir Apirana Ngata. Although he possessed all the qualities necessary to the perfect rendering of a speech, one felt that Mr. Elwood could have swayed his audience almost as much as if his content had been superficial. As with Mr. Dawick, he tended not to speak of the man as much as the movement he furthered, Maori welfare.

John Whitta suffered from the same fault. He talked of the Poudjé movement in French politics rather than its leader, Monsieur Poudjé. Although he used gesture well and seemed confident, his speech seemed more like a public address than an oration.

Miss Pat Newcombe was probably the most intense speaker of the evening. In a clear commanding voice she drew a vivid picture of Gerard Manley Hopkins, the poet and priest. Allowing no concessions to be made for her sex, she challenged the male speakers on their own ground with a command and use of her voice which was quite magnificent. Nevertheless the high emotional pitch which she sustained throughout lost her points and her richly phrased speech informed rather than described.

"Admirable series" of interfaculty talks

"Law" and "Classics" were the subjects discussed at the first of a series of lunchtime Interfaculty Talks, organised by the Free Discussion Club "to give students an informal glimpse into the subjects of others."

Shirley Smith dwelt mainly with "curiosities of law." Law was not dry, dusty and separate from life. On the contrary, it was living, it was made by men and existed for the preservation of their rights. When we read through old records of law we find stories delightful in their whimsicality and their humanity. For example a judge, ruling on the question whether habeas corpus applied to a slave in irons on a visiting boat, freed the slave because "the air of England is too pure to be breathed by other than free men."

The study of Classics had no great "practical" value, and is not valuable as a discipline of the mind as some have maintained, said David Simmers. But it had an important place in the humanities, which is the study of people.

The Free Discussion Society is to be complimented for providing us with this admirable series of talks. Some are better than others, and in half an hour much has to be left unsaid. But there is no doubt that they are welcome.

A lighter speech was delivered by Mr. Antony Wood, who in a friendly, colloquial fashion informed the audience of the career of Ernest Von Weizacker. Unfortunately we were left in doubt as to where Mr. Wood's own sympathies lay. The speech was inadequately prepared and the delivery, confidential and not very fluent.

The final speaker, Mr. Ted Thomas, had a good command of his subject, and of his voice. His manner was assertive and impressive. He delivered a fluent speech on George Orwell. Unfortunately he did not give his audience as adequate a knowledge of George Orwell as we might have liked and although he spoke well he failed to make the audience feel that his subject was as real to them as it was to him.

After three quarters of an hour in consultation, the judges announced their decision. Sir David Smith gave an excellent analysis of the various speeches which was both penetrating and helpful. The other judges on the panel were Mrs. Z. R. Graham and Mr. J. R. McCreary. The judges' remarks were some of the best that have been heard at Plunket Medal for years and they are to be congratulated on their judgment.

Letter to the Editor

Varsity Education criticized

Dear Sir,

Mr. Cegledy's criticism of the present educational system has long been overdue.

It is, I think, lamentably true that emphasis today lies on the outward appearance of scholarship: 70 per cent. attendance at lectures, the writing of a set percentage of essays, and so on. This would all be very well if the student learnt more in this way than he could in other ways; but as it stands this rigid, mechanical system makes a mockery of true enquiry and research.

Thanks to this and the limitations of the examination system, the greatest usefulness the university can claim is the churning out of a motley crew of mediocre intellectuals who—at sixpence a dozen—add to the ranks of the mediocre citizens outside, contributing little that they could not have contributed had they never attended the university at all. Often their knowledge is unrelated to the type of work that is demanded of them and what useful knowledge is digested at university comes to an end because there are not the fields for further development in their speciality.

This is a big problem; to some extent an inevitable problem arising out of the transition from the "scholastic" to the "red brick" university. However, if we are to retain the advantages of both, a general review of our objective and how well we are at present advancing towards that objective is urgently needed.

Immediately; inadequate facilities, lack of staff, large classes and personal financial problems present themselves as major barriers to scholastic achievement. If we agree that these are real problems let us make our voice heard lest our silence be mistaken for satisfaction with the educational status quo.

And where, should it be known, does our Executive stand on these issues? As leaders of the Students' Association they surely must be capable of giving some positive lead, or are they unwilling to bestir themselves from that chronic inertia so typical of most executives in our country at the present time. I wonder . . . does a new broom sweep clean?

I am, etc., A. C. WALSH.

Aussie travel scheme bigger this summer

Owing to the large number of Australian students wishing to visit New Zealand, the student travel exchange scheme will this year be on a larger scale than previously.

Three return charter flights will be made, compared with two last summer. The number of students expected to travel is about 150 from both countries.

The first flight will bring 48 students from Australia and return with 48 New Zealand students. The following month a plane will bring a further 48 Australians and return with the first group. In February a third return flight will bring the New Zealanders home and take the second Australian group back.

These changes in the scheme will have two major results. New Zealand

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