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The following article was written for "News and Views," publication of the Indonesian Embassy in Canberra, by Ian Doig, an Australian graduate who has recently returned to his country from Indonesia after participating in the Graduate Employment Scheme. Details of this scheme, which has now been extended to New Zealand graduates, were published in the last issue of Salient (August 9). Further information on the scheme may be obtained in writing to the Director, Graduate Volunteer Employment Scheme, c/o NZUSA, Box 1884, Wellington. The present director is Mr. Maurice J. O'Brien. This article has been made available to Salient through NZUSA and the NZ University Student Press Council.

Australian student works in Indonesia

I recently returned to Australia after a year and a half in Indonesia under the Australian Volunteer Graduate Scheme. This scheme is an attempt to work out a new approach to the post-war situation in Indonesia—a situation which on the whole is typical of South-East Asia.

The people of these countries desire two things above all. First, as shown at the Bandung Conference this year, they want to be treated with the respect due to them as citizens of sovereign independent nations. Second, they insist that the great gap that separates their living standards from those of the Western nations be reduced.

It was with sympathy for these aspirations that the Volunteer Graduate Scheme was organised. It aims to give Australian university graduates and other trained people an opportunity to associate with Indonesians on a basis of equality, thus helping to break down the artificial barriers between East and West. The Scheme also endeavours to assist the development of Indonesia in a small way by giving technical assistance where it is so urgently needed.

The Scheme is still only a small one—only 17 people have so far gone to Indonesia under it. Indeed the response will probably never be large, for volunteers come from the small groups who feel strongly enough against racial superiority ideas to demonstrate their attitude in a practical way. Volunteers have included teachers, engineers, doctors, a botanist, a librarian, and a pharmacist.

Frustration hazard

As a member of the scheme, I worked as a chemist for the Indonesian Government with the Ministry of Health and then with the Ministry of Economic Affairs. In my first position I discovered that frustration is one of the occupational hazards in Indonesia. Often the Government is not sufficiently well-organised to make the best use of the available staff, and contact with administration often calls for an abundance of patience. But eventually I obtained a position where I was being useful.

As an example of the kind of job waiting to be done I shall mention the work I was engaged in, in connection with the manufacture of dextrin, which is widely used as a glue for paper and a filler for medical tablets. Tapioca starch, the raw material for dextrin, is produced in abundance in Indonesia. The manufacturing process is one of the simplest in industrial chemistry. Yet much of the dextrin used in Indonesia has still to be imported, because the local factories lack the technique for producing the good quality material.

At the Chemical Research Institute, which is directed by an Indonesian, I assisted in the development of satisfactory apparatus and operating procedure for making dextrin on a small scale. It is hoped that this production can soon be expanded so that in the future Indonesia will not

have to waste precious foreign exchange on importing this material.

Salary was enough

During my stay, I received the same salary as similarly qualified Indonesians, which meant that I was paid roughly the equivalent of £A8 a week—hardly a princely salary, but sufficient when you eat Indonesian food. I did not exactly thrive on the food—basically rice, with very little meat—but I suspect that was as much a matter of my taste and temperament as of the nutritional value of the food.

For accommodation I lived in one of the Civil Service hostels, or with Indonesian friends. Much of the time I was the only English-speaking person in the household, so I was forced to learn Indonesian quickly to make myself understood. Learning Indonesian is fun and hard work—and it brings a reward out of all proportion to the labour involved. Indonesians are surprised and delighted to find a Westerner who can speak their language, for few Europeans ever take the trouble to learn it properly.

The first reaction of Indonesians to the Scheme is one of surprise, and probably doubt. Most Europeans there receive large salaries and thus are cut off from the Indonesian people, on whom they often look down to some extent. So it often takes Indonesians some time to believe that an Australian volunteer graduate actually lives under the same conditions as they do, and that he really prefers it that way.

"Europeans are rich"

Any claim that you have no money, however true, is invariably greeted with hollow laughter—for "all Europeans are rich." But when you have gained their confidence, Indonesians are delighted and sometimes quite overwhelming in their hospitality.

Indonesians are very friendly and polite, so that anyone who is willing to meet them half-way need have no fears for his reception. For example, when I was in Djakarta I played tennis on Saturday with a group of Indonesians who made me very welcome and always insisted on my having more than my fair share of games. When my holiday came around and I decided to visit the Minangkabau area in Sumatra, friends from that district quite deluged me with offers of hospitality with their families.

In all these social contacts there is the pleasant feeling that friendship with Indonesians has an added significance—that in a small way you are helping the cause of international understanding. On the other hand, however, it must be admitted that it is not always possible to escape the feeling of being perched uneasily between two

Student Press Council meets in Christchurch

The New Zealand University Student Press Council (NZUSPC) held its August executive meeting in the editorial room of *Canta* (CUC student paper) during Tournament week last month. In the course of its five-day programme the council discussed a wide range of matters affecting the student press, listened to talks by prominent Christchurch pressmen and played hosts at a luncheon for Education Minister Mr. R. M. Algie.



Hon. R. M. Algie . . . gondolas and chicken-bones

Under the chairmanship of AUC's editor, D. J. Stone, the council ploughed through more than a score of items on its agenda, finishing in time to climax the week's work with a formal dinner for guests George Burns, editor of Christchurch's evening newspaper the *Star-Sun*, and former journalist Donald Bain, now chairman of Canterbury College Council.

In between procedural wrangles and adjournments to listen to guest speakers, council members formulated plans for further co-operative supplements covering NZUSA meetings, Tournament sports, and Congress; considered further the question of participation in international student press activities; cemented relations with NZUSA; discussed problems facing the student press; and debated the council's financial situation.

Benefits to readers

Although the lengthy minutes showed little apparent progress resulting from the marathon meeting, delegates left Christchurch at week's end feeling tired but satisfied that readers of student newspapers would benefit considerably through increased inter-college journalistic liaison and the exchange of information which may lead to cuts in individual papers' budgets.

The standard of New Zealand daily newspapers was very high, but only as high as the public wanted, according to leading members of the editorial staffs of both Christchurch newspapers who addressed the council on aspects of journalism.

In an examination of the "freedom of the press," *Star-Sun* editor, Mr. G. Burns, emphasized the duty of the press to its reading public but took a swipe at AUC's Executive which recently tried to oust the editors of the college paper; an editor should not be subjected to any pressure whatsoever, said Mr. Burns.

At an informal luncheon the council and student leaders from the four university colleges entertained the Minister of Education. Conversationally adaptable as ever, Mr. Algie discussed University expansion, gondolas, chicken-bones and relations between the old and new generations.

Another University?

He acknowledged the grave need for better student amenities in most colleges, and did not discount the possibility of a new University in the Waikato within the foreseeable future; Cambridge and Hamilton had been suggested as sites.

But, said the Minister, he did not like to see the Universities leaving the cities; it was a pity Canterbury College had decided to move out of town, and he was pleased VUC showed no likelihood of doing likewise.

Within 48 hours he had flown to Auckland and after discussion with AUC Council members heard their final verdict concerning the future of that college; after decades of wrangling by the authorities it would stay on and develop its present site.

1957 Calendar

The academic timetable for this college next year will be as follows:
 First term, March 11-May 10.
 Second term, May 27-August 17.
 (Study week, July 8 to 13 incl.)
 Third term, September 9-October 12.
 Internal examinations will commence October 29.

world, and cut off to some extent from your own cultural background.

Vivid impressions

When I think about Indonesia, certain impressions stand out in my mind very clearly. I remember, for example, an early morning car drive through the beautiful West Java countryside. In the foreground the lush tropic greenery and the coconut palms were reflected in the mirror-like surface of the flooded ricefields, which climbed down the hill slopes step by step, while in the distance the blue volcanoes formed a magnificent backdrop.

I recall the irresistible appeal of Balinese dancing—the first vibrant chord of the gamelan orchestra, the entrance of the dancer with her eyes flashing and a fixed enigmatic smile on her lips, the peculiar fascination of the sudden changes of mood, and the incredible artistry of movement of hands and fingers.

Then I think of the hospitality I received in a little Sumatran village; I sat on the floor and ate rice with my hands, and then joined in the singing of the folk songs of the district to the tune of the guitar. But I also remember seeing the smoking ruins of a ten-acre Djakarta "kampong," after a fire had swept through frail bamboo and stap houses leaving ten thousand people homeless. That is also Indonesia. And last, I think of the troops of smiling, bare-footed children trotting off to their shabby-looking schools, which now work three shifts a day in an effort to keep pace with the rapidly growing demand for education.

Land of opportunity

Some people see in Indonesia a land of great natural beauty, others prefer to see there only the unrest and instability of a young nation, but I like to think of it as a land of opportunity—opportunity not only for the Indonesians themselves but also for her more fortunate neighbour, Australia. Australians have now a great chance to befriend and assist this young nation, culturally centuries old, but sadly lacking trained personnel and technical knowledge. That is why I hope to return to Indonesia soon.

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Action on common-rooms at last

In accordance with decisions made at a recent Executive meeting, notices have been posted in the college setting out details of proposed improvements to the present common-room facilities.

Past Executives have been concerned, to some small extent, with the situation whereby the existing common-rooms, especially the men's, were not serving their purpose; and furthermore, there was no place in the college for students of both sexes to sit and talk together except the cafeterias which had great and obvious limitations.

Last year the two then common-room controllers presented plans to the Executive for the improvement of the two common-rooms; new furniture in both, and better toilet facilities, were installed.

It was heartening to see that some attempt was being made to alleviate the situation, but it was obvious even then that the very heart of the problem was being ignored, consciously or unconsciously. The expenditure on furniture and hot water was not wasted, but it did not result in the great improvement hoped for.

Now Mr. Paul Canham, the men's common-room controller, has presented a comprehensive report on all aspects of the position to the Executive, and decisions based on the report have been publicized. Mr. Canham and his fellow committee members have got the matter on perspective; they are on the right track, they are not afraid of a break with tradition, and they have got things on the move.

But things must be kept on the move. It is the student body in general that stands to benefit from any scheme for improvement that may be proceeded with, and it is the student body, therefore, that must stand by the Executive in seeing it through.

Suggestions and constructive criticism of proposed schemes will be of value to Mr. Canham and other committeemen; and student support for whatever proposals are finally adopted is absolutely essential.

Quite obviously the much-talked-of Student Union Building is year away, and any common-room plan embarked upon

now will have to be acceptable for a lengthy period. We must not sit back and wait for the Executive and College Council to work wonders with the common-rooms and then complain because we would have done it differently.

There is a deplorable tendency throughout the student body to expect things to be handed across on a silver platter; the same tendency is much in evidence in club grant applications. The time will soon come (the sooner the better) when a drastic review of the situation concerning club grants will be undertaken, and club finances will be put on a far more realistic basis. But that is another story, of which we will hear a lot more a little later.

Crazy, twisted Calypso

(Winter Tournament, Christchurch '56)

Christchurch City of the Plains
Here witness my growing pains
—Not the pains I'm now prone to
But the ones I grow into.
Avon fledglings pitch your song
Softly where I meander on
Always willing toujours gai
Looking for gold in a vein of
of purest clay.

Architecture everywhere
Rocking round Cathedral Square
Gray and white and gray again
Low and high and in between;
Dirty, rusty, gleaming white,
Good taste, bad taste, I'll be right,
Right or white or black or gray,
Looking for gold in a vein of
purest clay.

Christchurch City of the Plains
Who knows of my little gains
Tight down deep in a taxi seat
Number for number in Colombo
Street?
Taxi taxi don't be shy
Come now will you be joining me?
Tricky hotsy taxi play
Looking for gold in a vein of
purest clay.

Tuesday's party play was played
At the Mistake that Taylor made.
Women strangers, in a bach
So small they were hard to detach.
There with harsh long days forgot
Find your peace or find it not
Stamp and shout it day by day
Looking for gold in a vein of
purest clay.

—Jig Oboe George

A number of New Zealand students have made plans to attend the Italian University for Foreigners at Perugia, next year. Taking advantage of travel concessions offered by the Italian Government, they will go to Italy to study the country's language, history and culture. Publicity concerning the University has been posted on the college noticeboards for some time.

House at Onekaka for Geology Dept.

The VUC Council has recently purchased a large well-equipped house at Onekaka, north-west Nelson, as a geological field station. In a memorandum to members of the academic staff and the student Executive, Professor R. H. Clark suggests that the house might be suitable for use by groups other than from the Geology Department, and anyone wishing to make use of it should communicate with him.

Onekaka is situated near the Golden Bay coast, mid-way between Takaka and Collingwood, and the house is about 1 mile from the old Onekaka wharf, says the memorandum.

"The house is large and contains a living-room, three bedrooms, sleeping porch, kitchen, bathroom and laundry. It is equipped with all necessary cooking facilities and utensils, and members of the Geology Department have built 20 bunks and sufficient tables and benches to accommodate a party of twenty. Facilities available include a piped hot water

supply, a hot water service operated by a solid fuel range, and electric lighting.

"In addition to its geological attractions, the Onekaka district appears to possess interesting geographic, zoological and botanical aspects. It is possible that the house might be suitable for use by reading groups from Arts Departments, and as a base for college tramping activities.

"Anyone who wishes to make use of the house should communicate with me."

(Signed) R. H. Clark.

Student union building for OU

Sketch plans for a £150,000 student union building at Otago University have been approved by the Government, and the preparation of working drawings will be started as soon as possible.

The new building is expected to contain a large hall, cafeteria and dining room, kitchen, common rooms, committee rooms, offices, cloakrooms, exhibition hall, music room, reading room, graduates' rooms and billiards room.

The President of OUSA, Mr. K. E. Melvin, described the Government's approval of the plans as a "considerable step forward in the proceedings regarding the student Union building." He said that present students might see the beginning of construction of the building.

(It is hoped that a Government announcement will be made in the near future concerning proposals for the VUC Student Union Building which have been before the Government for several months.)

Two new clubs formed at VUC

Two new clubs were affiliated to the VUC Students' Association recently—a yacht club and a weight-training club, the latter subject to its constitution being found to be in order.

Yachting has been admitted to NZU Tournaments on a trial basis, and has a fairly strong following in other colleges. Weightlifting has been done as part of the physical training programme supervised by Mr. Landreth in the Upper Gymnasium for some time, but the new club intends to encourage weight training among students as a supplement to other sports.

Publications posts, 1957

Applications are called for the following positions for the 1957 academic year:

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(This article was written for the New Zealand University Student Press Council by an NZU graduate who has attended Congress for a number of years.)

Congress — the perfect holiday for students

What sort of vacation are you planning this year? Plagued by the spectre of finals which haunts all your sober waking hours these last few precious weeks of the third term you may not have thought much about it. Possibly you'll be working for most of it. Maybe, if you're one of the lucky ones, you'll be getting round to reading all those books you've been meaning to for so long.

But before you rush away and decide to immerse yourself in the wilds somewhere till the first term, consider Congress. Congress is the short title of a time-honoured institution, the New Zealand University Congress at Curious Cove, and the next one will be the ninth.

If you have been before — you needn't read any further. If you haven't—then you would be well advised to think it over. What is it? Congress is all things to all men. It's certainly something different in the way of a holiday, a paradise for the swot-sickened and lecture-ridden where you can get away from all the drudgery of a year's work in your particular vocation and for one splendid week skim the intellectual cream of the country with no more effort than lying in the sun.

Someone called it once the University of New Zealand come to life. That's not a bad description. You meet fellow students from the other colleges in the country (including some of those rare aves, agricultural types), about 120 of them, perhaps 20 or 30 of them from your own seat of higher learning.

Stimulating setting

Freed from the restraining bonds of timetables, orthodox convention, landladies and/or fond parents, and exams, you can explore all sorts of problems, initiate or take part in an infinite number of discussions, listen to the wisdom of the wise, and enjoy life in a stimulating university setting.

At varsity you are to some extent circumscribed within your particular field. Even the Arts student, the backbone of the university, is becoming more and more of a specialist. But Congress helps to break down these barriers and open up a wider view. Admittedly it is something of a bird's eye view—you get the cream without all the milk at the bottom—but the pleasing feature of the programme is that you are made aware of so many things that you were not aware of previously. The scientist finds value in what a musician or philosopher has to impart, the historian realises there is more in this chemistry business than bottles, and so on.

The speakers who come there to provide the meat of the discussions do have something really worthwhile to offer. They have been chosen because they are experts in their field and they have the gift of putting it across.

Old bottles, new wine

With the ten speakers this year there will be rich diversity. Old bottles perhaps, but new wine, and the drinking is the most enjoyable part of it all. If you want to you can tire the sun with talking and carry that afternoon's argument with Dr. X on through the night till the next morning and through till breakfast, and maybe start again in the afternoon.

If you're a little timid, don't worry. You may not have much to contribute, but you'll find you can say something sooner or later. Even just listening to the pearls of wisdom dropping can be quite beneficial.

After all, apart from the lecturers and their families, everyone else is a student just like you, with problems just like yours and this is just the place to get things straightened out and compare notes.

Or perhaps you are not crazy, mixed-up and twisted, like most of the students I know. You haven't got any problems, intellectual or otherwise, and everything is quite cut and dried as far as your life is concerned. Good.

Come along and help the others. They need people like you.

Don't think there is an intellectual power-house atmosphere permeating every activity, though. Life at Curious Cove—how aptly that place is named!—has its many diverse diverting divertissements.

Sunshine holiday

Even if you didn't go to a lecture at all you could still have a wonderful holiday in the sun, swimming in the warm water by day or night, fishing from the jetty or boats, spearfishing, trying your ungainly bulk at water skiing to everyone's amusement, rambling over the bushy hills, bending a bow, or whatever else took your fancy.

The talks, however, do give each Congress its peculiar orientation. You branch out in a tangent from them. One in the morning and one at night with an afternoon of sunshine in between and a night of films, dancing and parties afterwards makes a pretty full day. To fit everything in, sleeping seems to be the thing you toss out. You'll find it's quite surprising how little you need when you get stimulated.

Often the talks, and the discussion which inevitably follows from them, carry on most of the time. This is a fairly good index of how interesting the speaker has been. You don't just lie around, listen to him, and loaf off when it's all over. You seem to find yourself mulling over what's been talked about, dissecting it, till you've got things clearer. If this is something you haven't tried at Varsity during term time, you'll find that it's valuable not only for Congress, but for afterwards, too.

Chance to think

Congress also provides that rare opportunity so important—the chance to think. It gives you material to think about in great quantity, and if you really want to, you can just sit down somewhere and think out not only your immediate concerns, but the ones you left behind or are perhaps going back to face.

Our modern curriculum-planned existence doesn't let us do that often enough.

Well, that is a brief outline of some of the more significant happenings at the Cove. The place itself is also a delightful surprise.

You get to Picton and from there a launch runs you out through Queen Charlotte Sound for about an hour. Then it turns shorewards and nestling at the bottom of two sun drenched hills is the Cove, climbing out of the water, acres of it stretched out in the sunshine, your home for the next week.

Here you'll meet Captain Charlie, master of the Rongo, Stan Higgins, who runs the sporting side, the Mannings who look after everybody, and Charlie Gibbons the student controller who has organised the Congress.

International flavour

Students from all over the place, Aussies and Colombo planners from Ceylon, Pakistan and elsewhere, give it an international flavour.

You don't have to worry about meals: you eat appetite-sized platefuls in a modern dining room and locally generated power is on tap for light and electric razors and the milking machines. Accommodation is

Around and about

Plans for conversion of both common-rooms

Following the presentation of a detailed report by Mr. Paul Canham to the Executive recently, plans are now going ahead for the conversion of the men's and women's common rooms. Present intentions are that the women's common room will become a common common room, and the men's common room will give place to a reading-room.

It is understood no serious objections have been lodged with the Students' Association concerning the new "intergration" programme which, it is generally considered, will lead to much better utilization of facilities at present available.

Honorary degrees to be conferred Summer club grants decided

Four honorary Doctorates of Science will be conferred by the University of New Zealand in the next few months, according to a decision reached in committee by the Senate meeting last month. The Prime Minister, Mr. Holland, whose name had been linked with the subject of honorary degrees, is not one of those to be thus honoured.

The four recipients are all men who have rendered valuable service to scientific scholarship and research in Australian and New Zealand. They are:

Sir MacFarlane Burnet, F.R.S., M.D. (Melb.), Ph.D. (Lond.), Hon. D.Sc. (Cantab.), director of the Walter and Eliza Hall Research Institute, Melbourne.

Sir Theodore Rigg, M.Sc., Hon. D.Sc. (W.A.), formerly director of the Cawthron Institute and Chairman of CSIR.

Mr. L. J. Wild, C.B.E., B.Sc., M.A., pro-chancellor of the University of New Zealand.

Mr. A. W. B. Powell, of the Auckland Museum, a world authority on mollusca.

The following club grants were ratified by the Executive recently, on the recommendation of the Finance Committee:

Athletic Club (1956-57): £37/5/10. Cricket Club (interim, in the absence of audited accounts): £60.

Rowing Club: No grant until audited accounts supplied.

Swimming Club (interim, in the absence of audited accounts): £5.

The club was also asked to repay a £25 loan granted by the Association for the Australian tour of New Zealand in 1954.

Men's Hockey Club: £4/6/11. Talks are to be held between Executive members and club officers concerning the basis of future grants to the club.

Boxing Club (subject to audited accounts being presented): £24.

Tennis Club: £102. Disapproval was expressed at the high expenditure on tennis balls last year.

Weight Training Club: £6. Further applications for grants from this club will be considered when the club has proved whether or not it has student support; association with the VUC Rugby Club gymnasium was suggested by the Executive.

NUAUS student form at Sydney

An international congress and forum organised by the National Union of Australian University Students, will be held in Sydney from December 10 to 20, 1956, immediately following the Olympic Games to be held in Melbourne from November 22 to December 8.

NUAUS believes that an international forum of this nature will be the first of its kind in the Southern Hemisphere and that it will be another step forward in promoting goodwill and friendship among the student organisations of the world. The theme of the Congress and Forum will be "The University and the Community."

Leading Australians, prominent international identities and student leaders will give talks and lead discussions on student affairs. English will be the principal language. Further information may be obtained from the NUAUS President, Mr. David Teplicky, SRC office, University of Sydney, Sydney, N.S.W. (NUAUS, Melbourne).

mainly two-bunk huts, very comfortable, clean and airy, newly painted. Best of all, it is cheap.

Right from the word go the fun has started and you are made to feel right at home. And that week will have gone too fast for you.

You'll enjoy Congress and you'll enjoy meeting the people there. In fact, the friendships you make there are some of the most enduring. When all the talking and the parties are forgotten they remain and linger on, old friends now.

Congress 1957 will be from January 25 to February 1, that is from Friday to Friday. Fees for VUC students will be £7/10/- for the week, of which £2 is payable as deposit when you make your application. Ferry transport will be available to and from Picton. Application forms are available at the Executive Room (in Lower Gym).

Extension of US exchange scheme

President Eisenhower's proposal to extend exchange programmes to countries behind the Iron Curtain will have the support of Senator J. W. Fulbright, the originator and chief champion in Congress of the United States Educational Exchange programme.

Senator Fulbright said that in general he approved the President's suggestion, and that with what he called proper safeguards, he thought the plan could prove helpful in promoting better understanding.

"There are really only two approaches to this problem," he said. "Either we have to regard it as hopeless, and accept the view that war is inevitable, or we must try to find some basis for improved relationships between our own country and the communist countries."

"On that basis, and considering that any exchanges between peoples have a tendency to promote better understandings, I think the broadening of the exchange programme as proposed by the President might do ~~so~~ good, and I shall support it." (USIS)

Approximately eighty Australian travel and exchange students will be visiting Wellington and requiring billets and entertainment during the summer, the VUC Travel and Exchange Officer (Miss G. Jackson) told a recent Executive meeting. Members present expressed surprise at the large number expected; the increase is due to the running of an extra return air trip between Australia and New Zealand this summer.

Mr. H. R. Carver has been appointed Orientation Week Controller for 1957.

VICTORIA RUNNERS - UP

VUC representatives win six NZU Blues

Winning four of the eleven sports contested, VUC were runners-up to Otago University for the (non-existent) Winter Tournament Shield competed for in Christchurch during the first week of the August vacation. Six VUC team members won NZU Blues, and it was felt by many that it was only because of apparent inconsistencies and parodies in the method of awarding points for the Shield competition that VUC was robbed of victory.

Salient congratulates the following VUC competitors who won NZU Blues: Hazel Blick (women's indoor basketball), B. R. Boon and H. R. Carver (golf), B. Bradburn and J. Mansell (shooting), and A. Robinson (table tennis).

Basketball

Men's

VUC were runners-up to CUC in the men's indoor basketball, and put up a very fine performance in the light of the generally high standard of play shown by teams from all colleges. The Wigram Air Force gymnasium, where the events were held, had a low ceiling which dictated a cramped and unattractive style of basketball. Pre-Tournament favourites were CUC who had the four 1956 Blues-winners, and whose average height exceeded those of other teams.

The score was a fair indication of the balance of play in the first match which VUC won from OU 26-21, though the match was considered to some extent a warm-up for the night's match against Canterbury. Although closely pressed by OU, the VUC men were never really extended. Good attacking play by Aitken made him top-scorer with 12 points; consistent centre Dawkins scored 8. Line-up guard Stephenson "sat out" the OU match, resting a troublesome ankle for the Canterbury game.

CUC established a very early lead against VUC and held it throughout the match. Good use of their height by Canterbury players kept the shorter Wellington men out from under the basket, and it was only by slow switch play that VUC managed to score goal for goal. Towards the end CUC slowed play right down, and the VUC players could not get enough of the ball to be able to make up the gap, the final score being 33-28. For VUC Dawkins scored 9, Aitken and Johnston 7 each; for CUC, ex-VUC player R. Salt top-scored with 11.

VUC defeated Lincoln 46-23 in a match in which the Victoria men conserved their energy for the following game against AUC. Dawkins scored 13, Aitken 10 and Fletcher 8.

In a close game VUC beat AUC 34-29, with Dawkins scoring 22 points for Victoria. The pattern of play was similar to that in the Canterbury match.

VUC contributed two players, Dawkins and Peter Doogue, to the NZU team, and prospects for next year's Tournament look bright for this college.

Women's

The VUC team this year had its most successful Tournament yet, winning all its games under the leadership of Hazel Blick, who was appointed captain of the NZU side for the fourth consecutive year. Hazel was awarded an NZU Blue, the first ever in the sport. Other VUC players who made the NZU side were Kath Beddingfield, Ina Bowman and Judy Davenport.

Penelope Ruske played well as a guard in her second tournament. Julie Walpole and Elizabeth, both new com-

ers to Tournament, played soundly and improved steadily as the tournament progressed. The team's success must be attributed to the strong forward line revolving round Hazel Blick, who was ably assisted by Ina Bowman and Judy Davenport. Of the guards, Kath Beddingfield was especially valuable in her rebound play.

Results were: defeated OU 33-27, defeated MAC 52-9, defeated CUC 35-16, defeated AUC 26-15.

In the match NZU versus Canterbury the provincial side won 27-24. It was an exciting match and the standard of play reached was very high—NZU sides have in the past been beaten decisively by provincial sides.

Fencing

As was prophesied in the last issue of this newspaper, there was a remote possibility that VUC would not win the NZU Fencing Tournament at Christchurch this year. The remoteness of this possibility was emphasised by the way VUC won the men's and women's foil events. However, Victoria lost the sabre event and only its reputation carried the day in the final analysis, which permitted VUC 51 points, OU 41, CUC 11, AUC 5. Individually, the Tournament was also a success, VUC providing both the women's and men's NZU champions.

Alan Wilson, who muddled, or rather combined, intricate foot and wrist work to win half his tournament bouts (fencing). Kent Beard, as his father called him, believes that one bottle of beer (full) contains as much food value as one egg (fresh), and this semi-religious concept enabled him to persolate into the NZU team. Christopher Beeby, undaunted by a negligible I.Q., won many vital points by running at his opponents with shrill cries of "Rape!"

Diana Fussell led the "ladies" side with dignity and force and won 8 of her 9 fights with many a sweeping coup de grace. Dawn France, in making the NZU side for the first time, has learnt the truth of the hallowed adage which may at this stage be quoted in full:

"Thrice armed is he who has his quarrel just.
But ten times he who get his blow in fust."

Janet Scrivens, Srivener to her intimates, made her debut without debacle, and managed to put her finger in the hole of our dyke of fencing hopes more than once.

Anthony Ellis, entirely unsuited to anything but armed combat, was warned several times about carrying an old screw-driver in his free hand, but attained finally to sit victorious on the aforementioned dyke.

By the way, VUC won the Otago Fencing Shield, and the Fencing for the third time in succession.

Golf

The VUC team played inconsistently in the qualifying rounds to be second to OU. However, after familiarising themselves with the beautiful yet difficult Russley Course, they asserted themselves, and eventually ran out comfortable winners. OU were second.

Highlights of the qualifying rounds were G. F. Blathwayt's first round score of 77, which was also the best card returned during the qualifying rounds, and the fact that all four members of the team qualified.

In the first round T. M. Gault (VUC) was unlucky to be drawn against Carver (VUC) and put up a very good fight to lose only 2/1. Blathwayt succumbed to the more ex-



H. R. Carver . . . third golf title

perienced Boon (VUC), who then did well to defeat Wilkinson (OU) in the afternoon. Carver defeated agriculturalist Quirk of Massey.

Boon then met Carver in the semi-final and after an interesting game Carver won 3/2.

In the final Smythe (AUC) played better irons to win all the short holes. Carver, however, was outshooting him and had the edge on him at the majority of the others. Smythe failed to take an opportunity to square the game at the 17th when he missed a short putt after Carver had done likewise, and he went on to the 18th one down. A half in fours here gave the title to Carver.

In the NZU game against Canterbury Barry Boon started brilliantly and continued well to hold the redoubtable Stanley as far as he did. Boon lost 2/1 but it was a performance which justifiably earned him an NZU Blue. Carver also played outstanding golf in his match with the Canterbury number one Ron Clements. It was a very tense and close struggle throughout with Carver finally winning on the 18th in brilliant fashion with a birdie.

Carver is to be congratulated on winning the NZU golf title for the third year in succession which must surely be a feat that is unparalleled in University golf.

Hockey

Men's

As was the case last year Victoria finished runners-up to Otago University to whom they conceded their only loss during Tournament. It was a pity that, in what was later shown to be virtually a final, the two strongest teams were drawn to play each other in the first round.

OTAGO 4—VICTORIA 0

This first round game was played on the Monday morning on a ground made heavy after an overnight frost. Playing was further made difficult by the uneven nature of the ground.

This was an uninspiring game which at no stage looked like attain-

ing the heights of last year's corresponding fixture. Otago were soon into their stride and at no stage did they let the fast Victoria forward line settle down and assert their true worth. Only good defensive work on the part of the VUC backs kept the score down and Taylor in goal made some excellent saves. However, it was only the brilliant positional play and stickwork of the Otago captain Patel playing at centre-half that prevented Victoria from scoring on several occasions.

VICTORIA 4—MASSEY 0

In the afternoon VUC played the weakest team, Massey, and won comfortably. The team settled down well and played good hockey, developing a combination that was not witnessed in the game against Otago. The score should have been greater, but the forwards on several occasions failed to press home the advantage after the opposing defence had been left wide open.

Taylor in goal again played well. Others who caught the eye were Haskell and Mathieson in the forward line and Catho in the halves.

VICTORIA 3—CANTERBURY 1

Another game of lost opportunities. However the result was rarely in doubt, for except on few occasions, at no stage did Canterbury look dangerous. O'Connor, who had been playing consistently well up to that stage, returned another fine game, as did Humphries and Latimer.

VICTORIA 2—AUCKLAND 0

This was probably the best game the team played. The forwards rose to the occasion and a fast and entertaining game resulted. Superior teamwork and defence on the part of VUC thwarted several attacks by Auckland that looked promising. VUC forwards with more room to move in, made the most of their opportunities and with their second goal put the result beyond doubt. Taylor and Haskell again played outstanding games.

VICTORIA 1—LINCOLN 0

A most uninspiring game. The strain of the week's hockey had begun to show and several members of the team did not play up to their usual form. As a result at no stage did the game reach great heights.

Haskell, Latimer and Taylor, who had played consistently throughout, fully deserved their places in the fully deserved their places in the NZU side.

Women's

Victoria failed to win a match in the Women's Hockey at Christchurch, losing to CUC 4-0; OU 6-1; and AUC 3-0. The play generally was of a high standard, especially Otago's who fielded an exceptionally strong team. They won the Pember Reeves Stick decisively — without losing a match.

It was unfortunate that all the team matches were over by Tuesday morning. It would have been less grudging had the play been spread over three days.

Overhead conditions were perfect for play, but the grounds were very heavy and some members of the team had difficulty in adapting themselves to the conditions.

In all the games the VUC forwards lacked initiative and combination, being too slow to seize scoring opportunities. As a result the halves and backs were under constant pressure and could not play their usual open, attractive game. The goalie showed better form in the last two games than she had done throughout the season.

Those who impressed in the Victoria team were the backs — Ruth Kingsford and Cherry Pointon, and halves Rae Goodwin and Sally Gentry — all of whom played very well on defence. Betsy Andrews was the best of the forwards.

The College Council and the Executive has approved the use and design of the proposed VUC Miniature Rifle Club badge.

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Harriers

In spite of a good run by Tony Gow (third), the VUC cross-country team ran fourth in the race held over a 61-mile course. Conditions for the run were ideal overhead and underfoot. The Victoria team comprised Tony Gow, Rod Orange, Wilf Malcolm, Derek Pringle, Des Deacon and Dave Tucker.

VUC runners were fairly well up during the first stretch, but were unable to maintain their positions on the uphill section following. At the top, Gow, Pringle and Orange were with the leaders, and placings changed little on the downhill section which was slippery and tricky. With two miles of relatively flat going to go, Gow moved up to second.

Despite an unfriendly bull and a herd of steers which tended to accelerate individual performances, no casualties were reported. Aimer, of AUC was leading from Gow, with Murray (OU) in third place at the 5 1/2 mile post, but Murray overtook Gow shortly before the finish. VUC individual placings were: Gow 3rd, Orange 9th, Malcolm 17th and Tucker 21st. Auckland won the Dixon Trophy in the teams competition, from Canterbury and Otago.

Shooting

In a closely-contested competition for the I.C.I. Shield, VUC took second place to CUC in the smallbore rifle shooting held on the Christchurch Association range.

CUC and VUC had little between them throughout the I.C.I. competition; at the end of the fifth round they were equal, but the strain proved too great for the less experienced Victoria men in the last round in which Canterbury ran up a six-point lead. Final placings were:

CUC 2385.170 (possible 2400.240)

VUC 2379.170

AUC 2368.149

Brian Bradburn, back with the VUC team after a year with AUC, failed to reach the very high standard expected of him until towards the end, when he shot 200.15 for highest score in the NZU match, and an NZU Blue. Jim Mansell, another experienced shot who returned to the team after a year's absence, improved on his previous creditable performance, also to earn a Blue.

Ian Chatwin, a first-year shot, did extremely well throughout and gained top-equal score of 200.17 on the North-South shoot. Graeme Barnard, formerly of CUC, scoped and coached the team, and it was largely through his efforts that VUC did so well. Denis Middleton, another first-year shot, broke the former Blues standard of 990, dropping only one point in his last four shoots; his transfer to OU next year will be a serious loss to this college's shooting.

VUC was largely responsible for North's win over South in the inter-island shoot, and the entire VUC team was included in the NZU side to shoot against the Canterbury provincial team. Although NZU shot creditably, Canterbury showed why it is regarded as one of New Zealand's premier associations, and in dropping only three points won by 1997.163 to 1984.148.

Soccer

Although Victoria came last in the soccer they were by no means disgraced. Otago won the soccer and the only team to beat them was Victoria by 5 goals to nil. We were unfortunate against Massey because in the closing stages the ball went through the goal but the referee did not see it. The game against Auckland was also very even.

CANTERBURY 5—VICTORIA 1.
Victoria started off well and after a few minutes Holland scored with a good shot. VUC played well till half time when the score was 1-1. In the second spell Victoria tired badly and

Canterbury scored 4 good goals. Stan George and Ram Vilash defended well while Naidu was the best of the forwards.

VICTORIA 5—OTAGO 0

In the game VUC played really well as a team. As usual Victoria started off well. Naidu scored after receiving a good pass from Tannahill. A few minutes later George scored with a well placed free kick. In the second half Victoria held on well and defended stubbornly. Three more goals were added by Naidu, Greenwood and Holland.

George and Hudson worked very hard on defence and Gopalan made some spectacular saves in goal. The inside forwards combined well with Naidu but perhaps they were not fit enough to keep up with him.

MASSEY 3—VICTORIA 2

VUC opened the scoring when Naidu sent in a low hard shot. A few minutes later Greenwood scored with a good shot. Massey were not downhearted and fought back magnificently and got three good goals. VUC scored in the last few minutes but the referee claimed he was unsighted. A draw would have been a fair indication of the game. Greenwood and Naidu were the best forwards while George played an excellent game at centre-half.

AUCKLAND 3—VICTORIA 2

This was a very even fast game and Auckland were lucky to win. They scored the deciding goal from a penalty which was awarded for no apparent reason. Victoria opened the scoring as usual when Naidu beat Davies with an "earth-scourcher." Naidu was outstanding in this game but he was too well marked to be really dangerous. Stan George was the backbone of the defence and saved Victoria many times. The forwards Greenwood, Louis, Naidu, Tannahill and Holland all went well but some seemed to be lacking in fitness. Pemberton and Hudson both played excellent games as full backs.

Naidu and George were included in the NZU side which held a strong Canterbury VI to a one-all draw. Nick Greenwood was a reserve for this match.

Table tennis

VUC were little troubled in the table tennis to take 21 points against the second team's four points on the internal points table. In the teams knockout competition VUC defeated Massey without loss, defeated AUC 16-5 and defeated OU in the final 15-6.

Alan Robinson won the men's singles championship for the third straight year and was awarded a NZU Blue. In addition he partnered Elizabeth Lesser to win the mixed doubles; Elizabeth herself taking the women's singles and teaming with Marion Morrison to win the women's doubles.

Stan Catley reached the final of both mens' and mixed doubles, but won neither. Jeff Thomas was Robinson's opponent in the all-VUC men's singles final. Robinson, Thomas and Miss Lesser all made the NZU side to play Canterbury.

Robinson beat both the top Canterbury men in this match, and Miss Lesser won one single—the highlights of an otherwise disappointing performance by NZU.

Drinking Horn

Following the widespread publicity given to the Horn at Easter Tournament the Drinking Horn held in the public bar of the New City Hotel was a very sober and well organised affair compared with the "glorified shambles" that was witnessed at Easter.

Lack of concerted training was evidenced in VUC's defeat in the first round by MAC. In the final, after several re-runs, CUC defeated OAC by the big margin of two glasses. The superiority of the Canterbury team was later demonstrated when four of them went on to win coveted "Blue" awards.

Drama

The wide choice of plays chosen made an interesting two evenings in the theatre. But unfortunately only one play came anywhere near a satisfying production. The winning play was CUC's "The Little Stone House," by George Calderon—the only one act play in the festival. It is a tragedy in a pseudo-Chehovian style, concerning a mother who has worshipped her supposedly dead son. He returns from Siberia and the mother's dream is shattered. It was well acted and thoroughly deserved the winning place.

AUC performed the Prologue to Act II and the Epilogue to "The Insect Play" by the brothers Capek. It was performed creditably and with high spirits and the satire and comedy were brought out well and kept the audience interested.

VUC's version of "Cat On A Hot Tin Roof" by Tennessee Williams was called "foolhardy and lacking in discretion." Mr. Newman, the adjudicator, continued that "the play is extremely difficult and would tax the skill of the most experienced players and director—here the situations were so beyond the grasp of the players that the tragedy was received with laughter by a sympathetic audience." John Archibald played with "splendid intensity" and Heather Scott with "good pace," though they were unable to convey the deeper emotions of the characters they were portraying.

Otago started off by acting the "Don Juan in Hell" scene from Shaw's "Man and Superman;" then the four actors manoeuvred themselves behind four short pillars and started reading their parts. The audience began to lose interest as the play was not well read, and when an actor turned over a page his voice was lost amidst the audience's laughter.

In all a disappointing festival. The highlight of the week was seeing in rehearsal Ngaio Marsh's production of "King Lear" for CUC Drama Society. The first half was truly exciting theatre reaching a magnificent climax in the storm scenes. Good luck to the cast for what should be a memorable production. —L.D.A.

Oratory

The triennial contest for the Bledisloe Medal was held this year during winter tournament in the provincial chambers at Christchurch. Each of the four major colleges is represented by two speakers and the contest is judged on the same basis as our Plunket medal. This year Victoria was represented by Hector MacNeill, winner of this year's Plunket medal, and by Sue Mitealf, a new orator at Victoria.

The standard of speaking was very high. The winner, Miss L. Jones of Canterbury University College, spoke in a fluent and experienced manner on Richard John Seddon. She is a very gifted speaker who spaced her words well and used her hands to their full effect; yet her speech failed to affect the audience as did those of the other speakers.

Hector MacNeill of Victoria was placed second for his sincere and powerful speech on Te Whiti Oranga-mai. His voice was powerful and he used it to the full. His sincerity conveyed itself to the audience and he well deserved his placing.

The speaker who took third place was Mr. Elliot, also of Canterbury, who spoke on Lord Rutherford, who did much of his early experimentation in the present rooms of the E.U. at Canterbury University College. He spoke calmly and with dignity, with excellent diction and command of his subject, yet at times seeming to stand off from his audience.

Two other speakers worthy of note were Miss Mitealf of Victoria and Mr. Peter Gordon of Auckland. Miss Mitealf delivered the most powerful and moving speech of the evening, on Robin Hyde, showing a remarkable insight and feeling for the subject's

character and conveying this to her audience. Of all the speeches Miss Mitealf's is likely to stand out longest in the memory of the hearers.

Sir James Caroli was the subject chosen by Mr. Peter Gordon, who, at times, seeming to find difficulty in remembering his speech, succeeded in appealing to his audience. Outstanding in his speech was the conclusion, which was delivered in Maori, and showed Mr. Gordon's fine oratorical power.

To many, the judgment was disappointing, for speakers seemed to be commended primarily for technical perfection and secondarily for sincerity and command of the audience. Nevertheless the evening was one of fine oratory and all speakers showed power, although none were without many defects.

Welcome

Too much emphasis was placed on winning in some fields of sport, said the Mayor of Christchurch (Mr. R. M. Macfarlane, M.P.), when welcoming competitors to the Tournament at a function held in the CUC Assembly Hall.

"Sport has an important place in the lives of New Zealanders, and we in Christchurch have taken pride over the years in the provision made for sporting activities by the pioneers," he said.

"Their decision to set aside Hagley Park as a sports and recreational area for all time showed great foresight," said Mr. Macfarlane.

The university teams had a fine record for sportsmanship and contributed a great deal to the sporting life of the country, he said.

He was pleased to see such a large number from all parts of New Zealand attending the tournament, and he hoped they would make full use of the excellent sporting facilities the city had to offer. (Laughter.)

The team were welcomed on behalf of the Canterbury College Students' Association by the president, Mr. J. G. Rutherford.

Mr. E. Woodfield of Victoria College replied on behalf of the visitors.

Social

Taking full advantage of the best sporting and student recreation facilities in any University centre, CUC turned on first-class hospitality for Tournament visitors.

Organization proved to be CUC's specialty, and much credit must go to Tournament Controller Ian McDougall and CUCSA president John Rutherford and their helpers.

Climaxing a marathon week's social, administrative and sporting activities, the Tournament Ball held in the Caledonian Hall was the usual delightful shambles. The size of the hall dictated the style of play: seating and dancing space were at a premium and liquor wasn't, so the large crowd indulged in considerable imbibing and skylarking interspersed with some dancing.

Wellington's Winter Show is quite the nearest to ideal as a venue for Tournament Balls.

In the course of the night's programme, NZU Blues in sports and drinking were announced, trophies were presented, compliments were exchanged by college delegates, the delegates had a sack-race in which the mortality rate was startlingly high, and someone fell off the stage landing on a bottle (full) in his trousers pocket.

Prizes ranging from £A2,000 Customline sedan to Australian lottery tickets are offered in an art union organized by Tasmanian University students to raise funds to build a badly-needed student union building. 150,000 tickets at 2/- will be sold throughout Australia.

VUC marksmen shoot well in inter-club competition

The VUC Miniature Rifle Club's top team, after performing very creditably at Tournament, has continued its fine form in the local inter-club competition.

On Thursday, August 23, the team comprising J. B. Williamson, B. J. Bradburn, J. Mansell, G. Barnard, and D. Middleton defeated Municipal, the competition leaders. The Varsity score on this occasion was 497.40, the team's top score to date this season.

A week later the team achieved what was called by the Evening Post "a possible record miniature rifle score for a Wellington A grade competition," in its shoot against the Brooklyn No. 1 team.

For this shoot I. Chatwin replaced Barnard; the score of 500.44 was com-

pleted as follows: Williamson (100.10), Bradburn (100.9), Mansell (100.9), Chatwin (100.8) and Middleton (100.8). The Brooklyn team's total was 495.37.

The success of the Varsity team, and its great improvement over past years' teams can be largely attributed to the club's recent acquisition of a new International rifle.

No NZ Literary tradition says Chancellor

Though New Zealanders read more books per head of population than any other country we seemed to lack imaginative writing that was typical of the Dominion, said Sir David Smith, Chancellor of the University of New Zealand in his opening address at the recent meeting of the Senate, in Wellington.

This was a serious deficiency, stressed Sir David. He conceded we had produced some good historians, poets and writers of one act plays, but lacked imaginative prose writers.

"The novel deals imaginatively with the common life of people, criticises it and in so doing, helps to refine it," he said.

New Zealand had not yet founded a literary tradition in imaginative prose. When it would come, no one could tell.

Creative groups needed

Sir David saw the need for the rise of creative groups in many fields in this country. The education system provided an excellent start for the evolution of creative personalities.

In any society which was becoming increasingly mechanised in its way of life, the philosophers and the theologians should find increasing use for their functions as creative groups.

Though they might never provide final answers their activities would meet deep-seated needs.

Moreover, in an increasingly mechanical age the people should rely much upon architects and designers. Sir David hoped for more use of sculpture on noble public buildings and in appropriate settings in parks.

The Dominion's painters were handicapped in the same way as her writers by the limited market and by our present social framework.

Because most of our artists were part timers they chose subjects to which they could easily return: landscapes, portraits, and still life.

"There is little painting of imaginative conceptions arising from the characteristic activities of New Zealanders or from the great ideas of the age, such as Peace, Equality or Energy."

The greatest art had always been so based and Sir David instanced the ideas and work of the great masters of past centuries.

"This may be heretical today," Sir David concluded, "but I do think that, if painters are to be as much of a creative group in a mechanised society as they might be they should be able to express in their pictures something more than their ideas about paint."

Club reports for Salient

To enable Salient to give a comprehensive coverage of all noteworthy club activities, club secretaries are requested to supply brief reports of such functions as regularly as possible. It is not possible for Salient staff members to cover all clubs, particularly at this stage of the year, and secretaries can help Salient—as well as benefiting their clubs—by ensuring inclusion of their club's activities in our columns.

Watch for notification of deadlines (on Salient noticeboard). Copy should be on one side only of the paper, and if in handwriting it should be on alternate lines, clearly legible. Typing (double-spaced) is preferable where possible.

Any persons wishing to join Salient staff this year or next, please contact the editor in writing, c/o the Students' Assn. as soon as possible.

Long agenda occupies NZU Senate's meeting

A change in name of the three university colleges to "universities," the establishment of a special pharmacy course at Otago and a new emphasis on New Zealand's need for technology were some of the highlights of the 1956 meeting of the Senate of NZU held in Wellington at the end of last month.

In the course of its four-day meeting the 31-member Senate coned over a mass of reports and statistics almost a foot thick, enjoyed long academic wrangles over procedural points, took time out to watch the NZU rugby team trounce the Springboks, and made significant changes in University curricula and policy.

Gabfest honours

Honours for most talking at the senatorial gabfest were taken by college academic heads, Victoria's principal Williams and council chairman Stout leading by a good margin. Not far behind were Otago's vice-chancellor Soper and Auckland's principal Maidment, Canterbury's delegation conceding fourth place to NZU vice-chancellor Currie and Director of Education Beeby.



Sir David Smith . . . art and the modern age

The change in name to "University" to replace the present "University College," got an initial blessing from Chancellor Sir David Smith in his opening address.

A special committee report was tabled on this subject and the replacement of NZU by some other central and co-ordinating body thrashed out. Meantime, all that will be effective is the change in name, no degree-conferring powers being yet delegated.

These will come some time later, when the organization replacing NZU is decided on.

Entrance standards

Varsity entrance standards again came under searchlight examination. Auckland took a sharp rap on its academic knuckles for proposing tougher standards for matriculation.

After long debating on whether AUC legally had power to enforce them, Auckland's principal, K. Maidment, tactfully agreed to withhold any further action or proposals till Senate stages a full-scale debate on a special report to be tabled next Senate meeting.

Old corpse, new baby

Administering some quick doses of senatorial medicine the Senate made a slick change from undertaker to midwife.

The corpse, neither journalists nor Varsity wanted—the time-honoured Diploma in Journalism—was speedily interred in spite of a noteworthy rear-guard fight by one-time Christchurch Star-Sun Commercial editor Donald Bain, and a new pharmacy course was brought into the NZU curriculum.

The pharmacists will find a niche in or near Otago's medical school and take at least a three-year course for a degree or diploma. They will be the cream of the pharmaceutical world, the others being trained at a technical institute yet to be established.

To the Senate committee on pharmacy education which had a heavy time considering the problem, the Education Department has suggested a

technical institute which would train ordinary pharmacists as well as other technicians and technologists.

This is likely to be the procedure followed, but further discussions have yet to take place.

Education Director C. E. Beeby said such an institute could be got under way by transforming the present Hutt Valley Technical College into a National Technical Institute. This plan has so far been discussed at departmental level only.

Technological needs

With big technological progress overseas New Zealand must not be left behind in the industrial race. Senate considered two papers on technology presented by Drs. Currie and Beeby, who discussed problems and needs of training technologists (those qualified and experienced to be members of professional institutions) and technicians (qualified by specialist technical education and practical training to work under a technologist's direction) in New Zealand.

With Universities rapidly reaching capacity rolls and their expansion budgets geared to a record low for Commonwealth countries by a Government that regards universities as educational extravaganzas, technological education inside their academic walls is a big question, educationally and financially.

Having probed the problem, NZU—and the organization which eventually takes over from it—will have it constantly in mind during coming decades.

Examination fees

Plans to make campus followers dig deeper by putting exam stakes up a cool 25 per cent. all round were narrowly defeated after treasurer E. C. Fussell, also currently head of the Reserve Bank, tabled details of a general increase.

It had earlier been mooted there would be an increase in Junior Scholarships "if funds could be found." After proposals to get the £sd from the Government were rejected, the inference was it would come from the fee increase, especially after Treasurer Fussell said a 5s. increase would mean an extra £17,000 in the coffers.

Despite AUC Professor Davis's plea for harder living for students (he recalled Auckland undergrads going to 25s. balls with sprays for girls plus taxis), consideration of any increase was deferred till next year.

NZUSA's application for a seat on the Senate was again turned down but a general feeling of approval for the principle was voiced. If NZUSA has a good case ready well in advance for next Senate meeting the chances are it will get a place in the sun.

Senate meets again next February. Address to Senate

Fashions come to VUC

A novel attraction in the college this week is the fashion parade organized to raise funds for the Rowing Club. These parades are popular in a number of Australian and American universities, where women (and men) are more fashion-conscious than New Zealand students. And they're an excellent fund-raising stunt.

With the co-operation of professional models from the city and of the management of a leading city store, the organizers of this week's parade are starting something which should catch on. The idea, to display garments suitable for Varsity girls, is a good one in itself—and by no means all the interest in this week's event has been confined to the female section of the student public.

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.

Friday, September 14, 1956

Weight training club formed

This is a new club whose aim it is to make a scientific approach to fitness. Membership is free and it is a club for all clubs. Weight-training gives excellent ancillary training for other sports and may be undertaken all the year round. It can give that extra fitness to athletes, footballers, swimmers, and others, which marks the champion. Remedial exercises based on clinical methods will speed up the recovery of strained muscles and twisted joints.

For the athlete who wants supple speed without bulk the club has individual courses; for the footballer who wants extra weight also with his speed there are other routines. But of equal importance are the opportunities afforded the ordinary young man or woman to improve his or her physique and to gain that fitness so vital to stand examination conditions.

Organized sport often means great inroads on personal time, and also has a tendency to catch one up in its social side. The two or three short workouts called for in weight training stand up to the strain of long hours and also build up a resistance to colds and other ailments.

The VUC Weight-Training Club provides the amenities and the expert instruction necessary to achieve these objectives. You can train at any time and the facilities are close at hand. In addition the Club will be organizing a series of coaching lectures and demonstrations by various experts. All students of both sexes are invited to attend, so watch the notice boards.

AUC to remain on present site

Auckland University College is to remain permanently on the present Princes Street site, with extensions on to Government House and adjoining blocks as required.

The College Council reached this decision on August 17 after a two-hour meeting in committee with the Minister of Education, Mr. R. M. Algie, the Director of Education, Dr. C. E. Beeby, and the Education Department's Officer for Higher Education, Mr. A. B. Thompson.

The College Council is empowered to go ahead immediately with plans for a new Chemistry and Physics block.

The architects will be asked to work within an estimate of £750,000 as a preliminary figure.

The Government and the College Council will co-operate in acquiring necessary properties to form the agreed site.

To meet some of the most pressing accommodation needs of the college the council is authorised to carry on negotiations for buying two properties now being investigated.

As proof of the government's determination to meet the requirements of University education in Auckland in a way "best calculated to do full justice to the city" it will make available the Government House grounds when they are required for the further development of the College.

Mr. Algie said he was particularly happy with the decision reached by the College Council. "I feel sure that it will enable us to make real progress with the erection of buildings that will form one of the most beautiful University centres to be found anywhere in the world."