



## STUDENT AMENITIES SURVEYED

### LACK OF CORPORATE LIFE

One of the greatest things that a University can offer to its members is the benefit that comes from fellowship and association and all that is implied by these two words. The Weir House motto, "Ex Contubernio Robur" attempts to express this idea. "Strength through Living together".

Our Vice-Chancellor (Dr. Williams) has said on many occasions that in his experience both from his observations of Universities abroad and from his conversations with visiting University men, Victoria is the most poorly provided for University in the Commonwealth in respect of facilities for corporate student life. That statement has never been challenged. Even a comparison with the other Universities and University Colleges in New Zealand would show how sadly we are in need of very much more than we have.

### BACKGROUND AND HISTORY

Since the establishment of Victoria College the student body has recognised the very great need for recreation and a corporate existence. In 1907 a gymnasium was planned and in 1909 it was built very considerably from funds provided by students and graduates. That building, which now stands above the tennis courts, can no longer provide for our requirements.

In 1929 the first meetings were called to give consideration to a new building which would include rooms for club meetings and functions. But it was not until 1936 that the first plans were prepared for a four-storey building which provided for a gymnasium, men's and women's common rooms and cloak rooms, lounge, committee rooms, Executive rooms, office, cafeteria and hall.

The second World War prevented any progress until 1946 when the Government of the day agreed to certain subsidies for a student building.

Three years later, in 1949, an appeal was made to the citizens of Wellington and £10,000 was received and credited to an account which had been open for some time. Again in 1953 the Association and the University Council sought an architect to prepare sketch plans and the Structon Group was appointed.

### INCREASED LEVY

For several years before 1956 each student enrolled at Victoria was taxed to the extent of approximately 5/- each year. This, together with the generous contributions of friends of our College, caused the bank account to grow steadily.

In 1956 at a Special General Meeting the Association agreed that from 1957 each student would contribute a £1 for that year and for each succeeding year.

### GOVERNMENT SUBSIDY

This gesture was well received both by Council and by Cabinet and early in 1957 the Hon. R. M. Algie (Minister of Education) wrote to the University College advising that his Government was pleased (1) to agree to the sketch plans submitted (2) to give authority for the preparation of working drawings (3) to agree to subsidies of £2 for each £1 that we could raise, with a limit of £100,000 from the Government; (4) to agree to a further subsidy of £1 for every £2 of our money with a limit of £15,000 from Government (5) to agree to the Council's borrowing £50,000 on certain conditions.

This announcement was a very great encouragement to us and so was the Minister's letter addressed to me as President of the Students' Association which complimented us on our decision to make such a considerable contribution to the Building Fund by taxing ourselves of a £1 each year. It is interesting to note that with the increasing student roll this contribution from 1957 to 1965 will represent a sum of approximately £28,000.

### SITUATION AND PROVISIONS

The plans which have the approval of the Association and University Council provide for the following:—

- (i) Common Common Room
- (ii) Men's Common Room
- (iii) Women's Common Room
- (iv) Cafeteria
- (v) Dining Room for formal functions
- (vi) Quiet reading room
- (vii) Reference Room
- (viii) Editorial Room
- (ix) Club meeting rooms and kitchens
- (x) Games Room
- (xi) Executive offices
- (xii) Records Room
- (xiii) Theatre and auditorium with accommodation over 400 people, storage space, green room, dressing rooms, provision for movie projection, space for flying scenery, workshop, etc.

This building will be erected on the site of the present tennis courts.

### GYMNASIUM

On a separate site, to the south of the present gymnasium a new gymnasium with changing rooms, showers and instructors' rooms will be built. It had been intended originally to have the gym. immediately above the theatre in the Union Building block but for technical and financial reasons this will not now be so.

### COSTS

When the Government agreed to the subsidies and sketch plans in 1957 negotiations were carried out in terms of a project estimated to cost approximately £260,000.

With the moneys banked, together with promised subsidies and a loan of £50,000, we shall be short of the required figure by £30-35,000. It is hoped that a considerable portion of this will be forthcoming as a consequence of a second appeal which will not be opened until physical progress is evident on the site and those who have contributed already are assured that their generous gifts, made several years ago, are being put to the purpose for which they were intended.

### RECENT PROGRESS

Progress since 1929 has been slow and often disheartening, but it is true to say, I feel sure, that this year's freshmen are likely to enjoy the pleasures of the new building towards the end of their course at Victoria.

It is expected that the detailed working drawings will be completed by the end of March and that the quantity surveyor's estimates will follow shortly after. When these steps are completed it will be necessary to have the Minister's approval given to the working drawings. At the February meeting of Council the Chancellor (Mr. T. D. M. Stout) and the Vice-Chancellor were given authority to call for tenders when the steps, mentioned above, are completed.

### THE FUTURE

I fail to see how any Minister of Education or his Government could find a good and sufficient reason for preventing the realisation of our dream. In recent months the Vice-Chancellor reported to Council on the needs in our building programme during the next ten years. Much publicity was given in the Press to this report, which had the Student Building at the top of its list. Not only has the Vice-Chancellor made public comment on the lack of facilities at the Universities and the need for greater provision but so also has the Minister of Education, who seeks to increase his Department's estimate by £1m. The Wellington Branch of the University Teachers' Association of New Zealand at its meeting in March made stern comment on the appalling lack of facilities.

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## BOOKS

**THE NIGHT SHIFT**, Baxter, Doyle, Johnson, and Smithyman (Capricorn Press, 10/-).

A joint publication by these four poets on "aspects of love" is bound, at the very least, to be "interesting", and for the most part it is more than that. If the inappropriate title is forgotten, these poems appear in a rich variety, and express with a disturbing power loving experiences over a range from the religious to the bawdy. Baxter says:

*O broken hands are strong to grasp  
the thunder.*

Doyle, least difficult, heart's cries:  
*O give her compassion; my weakness  
tears*

*Her loveliness apart whom I need  
whole.*

Johnson, too, moved for his habitual sophistication:

*And the heart remembers, whips its  
waters white in a grief for  
absence of his sky-blue laughter.*

And Smithyman, direct, controlled, almost distant:

*Play on me, dear my man,  
My husbandman, untune  
The howling night.*

Poetry cannot be described by the bookful; every poem needs a separate review. The best one can do is to say "This is worthy reading"—and it is. I found Baxter's "Songs of the Desert" (fourteen poems of love struggling to be creative), and Doyle's poems of suffering at the loss of love most rewarding, but all four contributors are fairly evenly competent and the appeal of one or other is a subjective matter.

Some of these verses are immediately luminous, some yield to concentration, some remain opaque save to the sharers of that experience, and perhaps with some there is nothing to be extracted after all. This is not great poetry, but it is good enough to repay the effort, often considerable, of comprehending it.

**NEW WORLDS FOR OLD**, Louis Johnson (Capricorn Press, 10/-).

Here is a mixed bag. Johnson has indeed the satirist's sophisticated, withdrawn, uninvolved, occasionally cynical vision of contemporary life, and his criticism is at its best timely and devastating. "Here Together Met", "Suburban Train", "The Way We Live Now", and many another are to be counted among the credits, but there are also a number of pieces whose worth is distinctly mediocre.

The total impact of the volume is unpleasant; perhaps that is a merit in a work of this kind, but the picture of a shatteringly contemptible society, unrelieved by any hope of salvation except perhaps in personal dedication to the search for meaning, is a tough one to stomach.

What Johnson says of the new world needs saying, and needs reading, too. But the statement would have been better without certain poems and with a little more good courage. I do not see the need to adopt the attitude appropriate to the belief that all we have are "fables" to help us to "hold something to cherish crouched by the guttering fire."

But for those who share impatience with mid-century urbanity, Johnson certainly has something to say.

—K.K.C.

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## TO OUR READERS

One or two readers have apparently received a false impression as to what editorial policy is for 1958. When the editor applied for the position of editor he promised that "Salient" would continue to be a lively and controversial publication pulling no punches. This is in contrast to the earlier policy (1956) of turning "Salient" into a mere gossip sheet. Well, this is exactly what I am endeavouring to do. My editorials are not meant as expressions of sectarian arrogance. They are not meant to be the last word on the subject. Rather they are nothing more than an attempt to set the ball rolling. Every reader is invited to send in his own viewpoint and in that way correct any mistakes that the editor might have made.

In choosing my staff I made it as cosmopolitan as possible. It certainly does not consist of any one ideological group. The editor himself is a Catholic; one assistant-editor is a Presbyterian; the other assistant-editor is a rationalist and the sub-editor is a Marxian Socialist; the Secretary is a professed communist; the sports editor and the publicity-manager are Anglicans; the literary-editor is even President of the Anglican Society; and, finally, the Club Liaison Officer is a Catholic. No more representative group could be found on any university club committee.

—T.J.K.

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What is held in store for us is not easy to determine. We do hope, however, that we shall have two fine buildings that we shall be proud to call our own. We, as students, and those who were our predecessors, have worked hard and long for something which is much needed. It is our wish that that the Association shall exercise control over the functions and facilities of these buildings and that we shall be able to conduct our own corporate life in our own way.

The suggestion that Council should appoint a Warden to the Union Building is wholly unacceptable. Throughout the 60 years of the Association's existence there has been no such need for supervision. From my reading of our history we have every reason to be proud of the manner in which our students have managed their affairs and the facilities at their disposal.

The possibilities which the new buildings offer are considerable. Our student life has been severely limited in the past and I feel sure that the character of Victoria will be greatly enhanced with the new provisions. The opportunities for students to meet and recreate themselves, to exchange thoughts and ideas and to live a corporate life will be great.

We shall come nearer to the collegiate ideal and the traditions of the European University system which have proved to be worthy over the centuries. It is a kind of life which brings with it immeasurable benefits to those who are so fortunate to enjoy it.

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*Of gods and titans*

*Fencing with pins*

*And wailing, "Unfair!"*

*At having their heads*

*Lopped off with hatchets.*

*Look on in scorn*

*For the dry dug-out men*

*Whose imaginations*

*Are shrunk in their skulls*

*Like shrivelled walnuts,*

*Who snuff in their nostrils*

*From grimy bookcases*

*The wisdom of nonentity.*

*Look on in wrath*

*At the froggamers, wormcharmers,*

*Fostering as children*

*Hideous mutations*

*And saying, "This is the life."*

—D. A. PATTERSON

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# RATIONALISM DEFENDED

The second editorial in the first issue of "Salient" titled "Rationalism On The Decline" deserves comment on a number of grounds. Firstly, I believe that it must be conceded to the editor that there has been a serious decline in the numbers of those who record themselves on the census returns in one or other of the "non-religious" categories. The editor seems to imply that this trend has somehow or other been caused by the light shed by "modern archaeological discoveries", and the findings of historians. This I find difficult to accept and would be pleased to know what evidence he relies on for making it. It seems to me that a not inconsiderable body of academic opinion has found in the Dead Sea Scrolls more support for a non-supernatural account of happenings in Judea two thousand years ago than for the record in the New Testament.

Whatever can be concluded from these investigations it seems to me that the decline in "Rationalism" can be attributed with sounder reason to other factors. I propose to mention one only. In an era of fearful insecurity economically, militarily and politically mankind desperately seeks some form of comfort and assurance and it cannot be doubted that religion in all its forms, both Christian and non-Christian does this. Its function in this regard seems analagous to a pharmaceutical prescription which allays physical pain without curing the basic malfunctioning in the body. Let I offend many of my friends who are, unlike myself, religions, let me hasten to add that I think this is not the only or indeed the paramount factor motivating religious people, but it does, I think, explain the swing back to religion in our times.

This leads me to another point made by the editor. He says, "These figures of religious affiliation must give considerable satisfaction to those New Zealanders who are Catholics like myself". Does the editor really mean this? In a New Zealand with

36 per cent. decline in "Rationalism" and a corresponding increase in religious profession, summary convictions in the Magistrates' Courts in criminal matters has risen from 28.32 per thousand of the mean population in 1951 to 36.37 per thousand in 1955. In the same period there has been the same increase in Children's Courts convictions against juveniles; in 1951 1.96 per mean thousand of the population and in 1955 2.67 per thousand. I certainly do not wish to argue the case that the increase in religious profession has caused the increase but I think it reasonable to infer that greater professed religiosity has been powerless to prevent an increase in actual criminality.

In case anyone thinks that this tendency is confined to New Zealand the trend in the U.S.A. provides a much more striking example of the same thing. The 1958 year book of the National Council of Churches claimed an over-all increase in membership against an estimated increase in total population of 1.7 per cent. The Council claimed that 62 per cent. of Americans of all ages were members of a church as contrasted with 20 per cent. a century ago. In the last 30 years church membership had doubled, while the total national population had increased by only 40 per cent. In September of 1957 Mr. William Parker, speaking at an International Congress of Police Chiefs, stated that the U.S.A. was losing the war against crime, he stated that the crime rate in U.S.A. was increasing at about three times that of the population as a whole. Mr. Edgar Hoover, director of the F.B.I., pointed out that from 1953 to 1956 sex crimes had increased in urban areas from 38.5 per 100,000 to 47.5 per 100,000 in 1956.

Perhaps one can say that the good are getting better and the bad worse but the general conclusion remains that the great religious revival of our times has done nothing to stop an increase in crime in the world of today, however many souls are saved in the next.

HECTOR MacNEILL,  
Assistant Editor.

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## ANGLICAN SOCIETY The Christian Commitment

GOD is, and is the almighty, loving, and consistent creator of men who live in a real, though dependent, world, and whose destiny it is to come into a loving relationship to their creator and their fellows through the grace of God. Moreover, God's nature is not simple but is a diversity within a greater unity. This was the ground from which the Rev. Charles Harrison developed his argument concerning "The Christian Commitment" when he gave three addresses to the Anglican Society recently.

Religion is man's total response to his total environment, and so will operate on every level of human existence. The Christian commitment is also the Christian religion. In his Godward relation, the Christian's commitment is his response to the loving initiative of God calling him to accept his vocation of worship and leading him into the realm of numinous mystery. Out of this worshipping relationship to God, which has the three aspects of apprehension, acceptance and appropriate action, springs the Christian's relationship to his fellow men, to animate and to inanimate nature. He is not in the world to shun it, or to wallow in it, but to transform it, by acting as the loving servant of men, and the priestly steward of nature. Only thus can his worship of God be fulfilled aright.

The Christian who is living his commitment will find that by the grace of God he has become a perpetuation of Christ's Incarnation, a channel for God to work in the world, and so, as part of the Church, is able to co-operate with God in transforming the damaged world to its proper state of holiness. Only the appropriate, interdependent worship of everything and everybody, performing his God-given function blindly or consciously, can achieve that transformation which is the Atonement, when the whole world glorifies God by reflecting His nature of love and unified diversity, and does His will, when the Christian commitment becomes the Christian reward.

Here and now the commitment is expressed in the Holy Eucharist, which is the focus and climax of every aspect of man's worship, on every level of his life. The Christian must live out his commitment at the altar, in his family, at his work, in fact every waking and sleeping minute.

The Rev. Harrison, a visitor from Dunedin, is vicar of All Saints', the O.U. Parish Church.

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### To the Editor

Sir,—I would like to make just one point concerning the second editorial in your last issue. If an increase in sectarian arrogance—so plainly evidenced there—is to be the only outcome of a decline in rationalism, atheism, etc., then this country will certainly be no gainer by it.—Yours faithfully,  
A. JENKINS.

# CURRENT COMMENT

## Conferences

So the next Seato Conference is to be in Wellington. Why not have the summit conference here as well. Mt. Victoria would perhaps be a suitable summit.

## Equal Pay

The Government favours equal pay for equal work and apparently intends to give a lead to employers by raising the salaries of women civil servants to that of men who do the same work. This is surely inflationary—no more work is to be done yet more money is to be paid for doing it. There will presumably thus be more money in circulation but no more goods to buy. But why raise the women's pay to that of the men? Equal pay for equal work could, of course, be achieved by lowering the men's pay to that of the women. This, of course, would bring howls of protest from the men (and those wives who do not go out to work). The only fair thing is to average out the pay of men and women employees and thereby not increase the total amount paid out by the employers. For example, say that for doing a certain job three men and two women are employed and that the men now get £900 a year each and the women £650 a year each. Thus the total paid is £4,000, which, divided equally among all five would give the men and women £800 a year each. Such a plan would also bring plenty of howls but if the public is really in favour of the equal pay for equal work principle and do not want its introduction to be followed by a round of price increases, then that is what they will have to put up with. Whatever happens the men will be worse off than before.

## Girls Love Yanks

One hundred New Zealand girls have married Americans from "Operation Deepfreeze". No one can criticise the girls for that; every girl can marry whosoever she chooses. But it costs a lot of money to educate these girls and then before they have produced much in return for their education, they leave for another land. Should we demand compensation from the Americans?

## Those New Moons

The two Russian sputniks set alight the imagination of the world although the second had some dogged opponents in S.P.C.A. circles. Then the U.S. Army was successful with Explorer I. Meanwhile the U.S. Navy, which had intended to be first, had failed more than once with its Vanguard. Now they have launched something described as a grapefruit, presumably the result of their earlier "anyone could have launched it" sour grapes.

## The Empire

What are these "Empire" Games the papers are full of? The majority of the competitors in the games will come not from Britain's colonial empire but from a number of independent states. The term "Empire" or even "British Empire" will be truly offensive to the competitors from the newly independent states that will be represented. The correct title of the unity between these states is, as India's Mrs. Menon, who recently visited New Zealand, pointed out, the Commonwealth, not even the British Commonwealth. Let us then talk of the Commonwealth Games and remember that this is the second half of the twentieth century and not the nineteenth.

More next time on The Summit  
The Cable Car  
Krupp  
Japanese Rugby

## PROGRAMME

With these two needs in mind the University requested the approval of the University Grants delay over the Arts and Library Building it is a matter of some doubt as to whether the nature of this urgency is yet fully appreciated in Government circles.

# MISS VICTORIA

This year at tournament Victoria has every hope of disassociating itself from the wooden spoon. With very capable rowing crews we hold considerable hope in that direction. Cricket may depend for its success on the state of the wicket but even under adverse conditions the side looks promising to say the least. Although it was stated in the "blurb" on the tennis team that it did not look as strong as the 1955 team, with the Boon-beating Nick Greenwood, we have every hope of a N.Z.U. champion. Shooting, swimming and athletics have several strong individuals and we can only hope that they are strong enough to pull it off. Although these are largely fields of individual endeavour there is no loss of that essential feeling of belonging and being relied upon by a team. Women's basketball has got away to a very slow start with their team but it is felt that they are capable of rising to great heights if called upon. Altogether Victoria goes to Easter tournament with the feeling of being a competent contingent who will endeavour to support the University at Christchurch.

## CRICKET

The season this year has been marred by rain which culminated in washing out the Massey game. This has made it impossible for us to name the last three places in the Tournament until a later date. However it is clear that with eight members of Senior Eleven available and with the Second Grade team winning their grade (at the time of writing), our team should be a very strong one. If our batsmen, of whom on paper, at least, we have a long list, suddenly learn the meaning of application, we are certain to do well. The sight of talented University batsmen trudging dolefully pavilionwards is a far too familiar sight.

Lance and Crutts are two notable exceptions, and together with Gibson and the quickish bowling of Zohrab, Haskell and Campbell, they should form a nucleus well suited to the hard Christchurch wickets.

Jim Thompson, a Tournament veteran, is our best bat, but his slow left-handers are also suited to fast wickets and if we don't get these our bowling may prove inadequate.

One thing is certain, however; if the team holds more catches than has been done by the Senior side this year, we should prove a highly competent team.

The selected team is: J. C. Thompson, J. H. Zohrab, J. A. Gibson, M. W. Lance, B. M. Kerr, D. Ward, W. J. Haskell, D. Bayer, D. Poulton, P. Coutts, C. Campbell.

## TENNIS

The tennis club is confident that our Tournament team will acquit itself very well at the Easter Tournament this year. Although not quite up to the winning standard of the 1956 team, nevertheless our men are all capable of playing the "big game" with success. Headed by Fred Scarlett, who won the Waipawa men's singles this year, the men's team also includes Nick Greenwood, a former ranking English Junior player and now a member of our top Senior Men's A grade team, Bruce Smaill, who is unbeaten in the Senior A interclub competition this season, and Robert Greenwood, one of the leading Juniors in the country.

The women's team is headed by Jenny Kent, who was a former member of the Howe Shield team for many years, and has represented Wellington in the Nunnally Casket. She has been a great asset to our A interclub team this year. Dawn France and Pam Carson have also represented University in Senior A interclub and last year reached the semi-final at Easter Tournament. Janet Thomsatt, a Howe Shield representative, completes the team.

## ROWING

This year the V.U.C. Rowing Club team has been somewhat depleted by the inability of some members to get down to Tournament. However, the crews are strong and most have Tournament experience behind them.

Once again our eight appears to have every chance of success: the new Towns skiff arrived late last year and, with our new Ayling oars, bring our equipment up to a very high standard. The crew to row at Tournament should be: Perry Preston-Thomas (stroke), Mick Winter (7), Frank Crotty (6), Wally Loader (5), Warwick Dent (4), Jack Just (3), Steve Wilson (2), and Duncan Cameron (bow). All members of this eight have had considerable rowing experience, a number in senior crews. However, (as last year's Tournament showed only too clearly) this is not the important factor. The crew of the eight has been training regularly every morning under the expert coaching of Mr. L. Brooker, a former Champion Oarsmen, with some assistance from Mr. T. E. Wilson, who coached the Vic. Eight last year.

Provided that this eight can work together as a crew, they could be expected to be a very good crew, but after last year when we had a good crew and promised the moon, this year we won't promise a damn thing.

The four will, this year contain two members of the eight, making it P. Mansen (stroke), John Kinder (3), Preston-Thomas or Crotty (2), and Winter (bow). As a result of the date of selection of the eight and the shortage of available members this crew will have had very little training in the four together. It remains to be seen whether they will be able to hit it off for the all-important five minutes.

The double sculls is again picked from the eight, though in this case this is the customary practice. Jack Just will stroke with Wally Loader in the bow. Both have had considerable sculling experience—Just, in particular, after successes throughout the 1956-57 season, was in the C.U.C. double last year.

Finally, Vic. will only be able to enter one women's four in the Tamaki Cup race, though this is due to uncertainty over their Tournament status, not to the lack of members or keenness. This four will be Anna Duncan (stroke), Mary Freeman (3), Diana Spurdle (2) and either Francis Roff or Dorothy Carpenter (bow). Anna, a foundation member of the V.U.C. Women's rowing and champion of the cause, has stroked the four in the last two Tournaments and, with Diana Spurdle, has met with considerable

success in the last season. Mary Freeman has rowed 3 in the A.U.C. crew last year and is a valuable acquisition for the Vic. crew, having had not only experience but also the benefit of coaching by Eric Craies, coach of the proposed N.Z. Cardiff team, etc. Both Francis and Dorothy are new members and show promise of being useful members of the crew. The four has been training regularly for some weeks now, under the patient and expert coaching of S. R. Wilson. Results are not to be foretold but their main opposition will be A.U.C.

## BASKETBALL

Victoria is unfortunate this year in losing a number of its experienced players and only three have represented the University before; these are Sue Thompson, Janice Fraser and Robina McGechem. However, we have a number of promising freshers; Joy Mitchell represented Poverty Bay in 1956 and several others were Wellington Rep. trialists. The remainder of the team comprises Kay Gibson, Diana Parsons, Helen Aitken, Marian Peterson, Katharine Karr, Bridget Kerr, Moira McKenzie and Barbara Nash.

## TOURNAMENT RESPONSIBILITIES

Attempting to reproduce the tones of a headmaster is difficult. It is more difficult when you realise that it is addressed to a supposedly adult audience, but with the disgrace at Dunedin last year still vivid in my memory, it is with sincerity—that I implore you to behave yourself. The connotations of the words "good behaviour" may be with secondary school discipline but the concept is not. Strange though it may seem, we, the emancipated, are still expected to be capable of producing good behaviour; and though the Dunedin seems to contradict my optimism it is not only possible, but clearly evidenced elsewhere at University gatherings. For the irresponsible element (revolting phrase but useful and very descriptive) I can only offer the advice, **STAY AT HOME!** For the remaining majority, please remember that the tolerance of civilians cannot be relied upon to any great extent, so treat your billetors (of which the majority will be non-Varsity), City Officials, and Organizers, always, with consideration.

Incidentally, don't forget to give your vociferous support to other sports; your presence will be a great incentive to them.

SPORTS EDITOR.

## DRAMA DISASTER

With ten days till Easter Tournament the producer of the Tournament play, "Electra", by Sophocles, has been informed that Virginia Todd is not available for Tournament through illness. Virginia, well known in Wellington Drama, was to have played the exacting role of Electra in this Greek play. Courageously, Heather Scott (producer), considered playing the part herself. She has had considerable experience with Tournament drama, having played the lead in Maurios "The Art of Being Happily Married" and in 1956 in the "Cat on the Hot Tin Roof", as well as appearing often with the V.U.W.D.C. But it can be well understood that to attempt taking over the lead in a difficult play such as this would be more than could be expected of anyone, leave alone the producer, who has full commitments as a French Honours student.

Incidentally A.U.C. has withdrawn from Tournament due to the fact that their players are engaged in the production of their major

## YACHTING

In a trial series of races under widely differing conditions sailed at Paremata on Sunday, 23rd, a crew of three was selected to represent Vic. in the sailing section at Easter tournament. Practice has been hampered by the lack of our own yachts. However by next season we hope to become affiliated to the Royal Port Nicholson Yacht Club and have a University fleet in the water. Meanwhile our thanks to the Paremata Boating Club for use of their equipment and facilities.

Our crew and delegate form a strong combination and are all out to better last year's performance. Tom Haskell (Napier Sailing Club) an experienced yachtsman of University, was chosen as the skipper. An able representative last year, he is in better form this season. Nick Cass (Plimmerton Boating Club) has worked in a variety of classes and is among Wellington's best for'd hands in a very popular class; a real boon to the crew. Peter Sullivan (club mate of skipper) will certainly enjoy heavy going. A capable trapeze rider, and main sheethand for many of many seasons. John Blackman (Royal Akarana Yacht Club), a sea lawyer of long standing. Will stick up for Vic. as delegate on the Sailing Committee.

play for 1958. Because of Vic's major production otherwise eligible players are not available for the part of Electra. So drama at Easter Tournament is being tried for the first time with only two of the four Universities competing. Gone will be the tradition of attending Tournament drama by all Tournament participants.

Whether, as a result of this fiasco, drama will be returned to Winter Tournament, where it belongs, or be relegated to the proposed Arts Festival and be deleted from the list of tournament activities, remains to be seen. If the reversion to Winter Tournament is unacceptable, then I think, the retention of drama at Easter is desirable, if only because it gives an opportunity to younger promising members to perform under the eyes of as critical an audience as will be encountered at University. However, the disadvantages of producing a play in the very limited time before Easter with a relatively inexperienced cast are as obvious as they are difficult to overcome.

# GOES SOUTH — —

## SHOOTING

This year's team contains elements of both experience and new blood. Among the stalwarts of past tournament shoots are Ian Newton, who gained his second N.Z.U. Blue last Easter, Jim Mansell and Ian Chatwin, of M.A.C., both of whom were prominent in last year's event at Dunedin. Newcomers to Tournament shooting, from whom great things are expected, are B. L. Frankpitt, I. Todd, D. Welch, and B. Edwards.

It is hoped that Canterbury will produce better conditions than those at Dunedin, which forced the cancellation of the final deliberate practice shoot last year, and enable our team to do themselves justice. With the hard practice the team have put in, this team should have every prospect of achieving results more tangible than "the sheer joy of sportsmanship in participating", which was their sole reward in 1957.

## ATHLETIC TEAM

Victoria—dominant club in Wellington athletics for the last three years, can not, unfortunately send a team to Tournament that compares with its provincial championship squad. We will nevertheless be well represented in all men's track events from 100 yards to three miles and have a number of potential place-getters.

In the sprints Bob Irwin is running with the life that made him triple N.Z.U. champion three years ago, and will be well supported by Tom Crossen, last year one of the outstanding quarter-milers at C.U.C. Irwin has broken 50 seconds for the quarter several times this year, and won the Wellington senior title in 49.4 secs. His 22.1 secs. for the 220 yds. is the second best locally this year.

Massey provide our first string half and one-miler in Con McGuire. Peter Joyce will be second string in the mile and our sole entrant in the three. This will be the first occasion we have had two sub 4.20 milers, but alas, the title may be won in 4.12 secs. We will be well up and could provide a placed runner. Peter Joyce has not recaptured the form that made him N.Z.U. champion over three miles in 1955, but he is an experienced athlete who will certainly be in the picture.

In other events our competitors may find the standard too high. Only well trained athletes with a season of first-class competition behind them, can hope to succeed. Several of our runners are competing for the first time since last Tournament. Barry Cooper and Frank Duncan, two well-performed athletes, are likely to pay the price of being all-rounders. Specialists in

their events will win all N.Z.U. titles, and even such a talented performer as John Hawkes, now of O.U., has had to concentrate on one event. Still the all-rounder has his place in athletics. He certainly derives the most enjoyment.

The girls are an unknown force. Only Jeanette Buckland has had regular competition this year. She is yards faster than any other Vic. girl available. The standard of N.Z.U. women's athletics has never been very high, especially in the field events, and we may obtain placings.

In the team listed below (M) denotes a Massey competitor. No selection has been made in the men's high jump or hammer throw, or in the women's 80 metre hurdles, or javelin throw.

## MEN

100 yards: R. Irwin, T. Crossen or R. Hooper.

220 yards: T. Crossen, R. Peddie.

440 yards: R. Irwin, T. Crossen.

880 yards: C. McQuire (M), F. Walkey.

One mile: C. McGuire (M), P. Joyce, Capt.

Three miles: P. Joyce.

120 yards hurdles: M. Ulyatt (M), R. Clifton.

220 yards hurdles: B. Cooper, B. Dawkins.

440 yards hurdles: B. Cooper.

Hop, step and jump: A. Rolleston, C. Rowe.

Long jump: D. Usher, M. Bingham.

Pole Vault: B. Fernandez.

Shot: C. Rowe.

Discus: F. Duncan.

Javelin: J. Sauqaqa (M), F. Duncan.

4 x 110 yards relay: Irwin, Crossen, Hooper, Brooker.

4 x 440 yards relay: Irwin, Crossen, Brooker, McGuire

## WOMEN

75 yards: Jeanette Buckland, Noeline Queree.

100 yards: Jeanette Buckland, Jennifer Couchman.

220 yards: Jeanette Buckland, Jennifer Couchman.

High jump: Jill Arnold.

Long jump: Jill Arnold.

Shot: Cherry Pointon.

Discus: Jo Kale, Cherry Pointon.

4 x 110 yards relay: Buckland, Queree, Kale, Couchman.

## A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

May I, on behalf of the Executive and members of the Association, wish all of our 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 the University of Canterbury and the people of Christchurch.

The Tournament Team Captain (Mr. Zohrab) and the Junior Delegate (Mr. John Webb) have worked hard and well for the Association in the organisation of our part of the Tournament and I trust that they will receive the loyal support that they undoubtedly deserve.

If the business of NZUSA Council is concluded in good time I expect to see something of your performances before returning to Wellington.

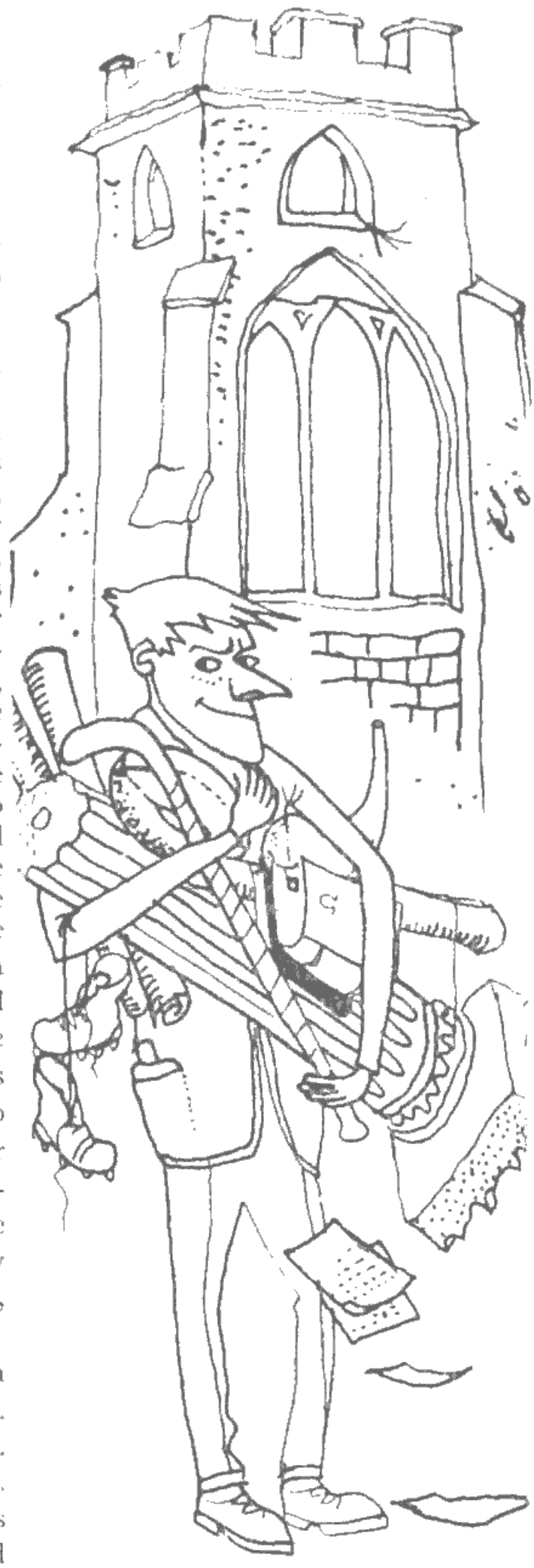
JOHN MARCHANT, President.

## SWIMMING

The V.U.W. Swimming Club has this year got its strongest team for many seasons. The water polo team has Theo Verhoeven in goal. Theo, a Wellington rep. and selector, was captain of the N.Z.U. polo team in Australia last year. The backs are Conor McBride, the Club Captain, and Buddy Scoringe, a Wellington rep. In the centre we have Terry Richmond, another Wellington rep., and Peter Hatch, one of our best swimmers. Up front are Don Paviour-Smith, a Hawkes Bay rep., and Spencer Hemi, a keen surfer, and the Club's star player this summer. As reserves the team has Lloyd Allen, who played for us last Easter, and Stan Paris, another of last year's N.Z.U. team in Australia. As usual the Vic. Women, though better than past teams, have not all the swimming ability we require. Of course, Jackie Twigg, the team vice-captain, is once again to the fore. Jackie has two Auckland Blues and two Vic. Blues, and we hope to see her get an N.Z.U. Blue for the freestyle events. In the breaststroke, Marilyn Isdale, (a fresher), shows much promise and should do well, though Otago are strong in this event. Diana Page is a good diver who should have no difficulty taking a place in her event. Jenifer Harding, Pauline Gallagher and Elizabeth Beck are three girls who should have no difficulty qualifying for finals and, we hope, in taking places in their events.

In the men's events we have a team that should ensure that Vic. brings home the Swimming Shield. Bill McCarrroll, last year's N.Z.U. diving champion, was fourth at this year's National Championships, and should once again carry off the N.Z.U. title. In Peter Hatch the N.Z. Medley record holder, we have hopes of two if not three titles. Don Paviour-Smith, a Hawkes Bay rep., is once again with us and should do well in the backstroke and medley. Stan Paris, a member of the N.Z.U. team in Australia last year, and an ex-Otago man, is swimming for us in the distance breaststroke and freestyle events. Stan looks set for points if not titles in these events. Lloyd Allen, our last year's freestyle representative is once again turning in good times, and we hope he can improve on his third place of last year. Buddy Scoringe, Terry Richmond, Conor McBride and Spencer Hemi, though all primarily polo players, should pick up points in their events, and thereby help build up a total far better than last year's mediocre effort. Much of our success this Easter will be due to the efforts of Mike Hall, who, though unable to travel to Christchurch, has been up early each morning coaching some of the freshers. This Easter we can say: At least our swimmers will not disappoint.

—C.P.



## PING-PONG

The Table Tennis Club is to hold its A.G.M. on Monday, 14th of April. It is hoped that this article will convey to non-members something of the activities and atmosphere of the Club. We cater, in inter-club, for players of abilities from provincial standard (in 1957 the "A" Grade team were runners-up in the Competition) to merely social members who play "H" Grade. Last year we had 13 teams within these limits. Apart from the inter-club teams, members may join and merely attend Club nights, which incidentally are Mondays, and are therefore not under obligation to attend every week but just as they can manage it. It may be worth mentioning that to be eligible for Winter Tournament you have to play for the University Inter-club team.

Coaching, if you desire it, is done largely by Senior members of the Club and a table is always available in the Gym. for practice at odd times. There appear to be a large number of quite competent players who do use the practice table but whom we do not see at the Club and who would be very welcome. There are grand opportunities for women players who want to attempt to reach the heights of tournament play and also as players in inter-club teams.

By attending the A.G.M. you do not commit yourself, so come along and see the club in action anyway. Past members are warned that if they turn up without at least one new member they will be ostracised. So if you don't know one end of a bat from the other or are a fanatic the date is 14th of April at 7 p.m. in the Upper Gym.

## Results

# April 24th

## PROGRAMME

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With these two needs in mind the University requested the approval of the University Grants

Building it is a matter of some doubt as to whether the nature of this urgency is yet fully appreciated in Government circles.

# KASHMIR

One of the world's problem areas is the remote and mountainous province of Kashmir. This Asian "Switzerland of lofty snow-clad peaks and beautiful valleys lies jammed in between China, Tibet and Afghanistan. Seventy-seven per cent. of the State's four million inhabitants are Moslems, the remainder being Hindus, Sikhs and Buddhists. At present Pakistan holds the mountain territories of Kashmir, containing less than a third of the population. The bulk of the people dwell in the Indian-held Valley of Kashmir.

When the British left India Kashmir, being a princely State, was entitled to decide for herself whether she would join India or Pakistan. Despite the fact that four-fifths of the people were of Moslem faith the Maharajah and the ruling elixir were all Hindus. Naturally enough the Maharajah chose to join India. There followed a fourteen-month war between the Indian army on the one hand and Pathan Moslem tribesmen and Pakistani regulars on the other. The Indians came off best and were in possession of two-thirds of the State when the United Nations succeeded in arranging a cease-fire in January, 1949.

Since the cease-fire was arranged India has ignored all democratic ideals in ruling Kashmir. At first Nehru, whose family originated in Kashmir, was content to rule the State through the Moslem Sheik, Mohammed Abdullah. Known as the Lion of Kashmir, this 6ft. 4in. sheik first won popular support by his long struggle against the wicked and corrupt Maharajah's rule. But in 1953 he fell out with Nehru through talk about forming an independent Kashmir or a possible link with Pakistan. Now this was the one thing that Nehru, for all his talk about democracy and peace, could not stand. Even today it is sedition for a Kashmiri to advocate secession from India. The result was that Mohammed Abdullah was arrested and thrown into jail without trial. Until January he was in custody in a lonely guarded house high up in the mountains at Kud, but has now been released. This sordid affair shows Nehru in his true colours. Undoubtedly no man loves peace more than he. But although he may be outstanding as a champion of co-existence he is no democrat. This is also very apparent in his famous remark about United Nations—"We are not bound by resolutions which are against our country and our interest." As for the Lion of Kashmir, he must be added to the long list of political prisoners who have languished in the prisons of the world.

Since the overthrow of Sheik Mohammed Abdullah, India has ruled Kashmir as a near-police-state through Premier Baskshi Mohammed's pro-Delhi Party, the National Conference. There is every sign that the election held in Kashmir in March last year was rigged. The pro-Pakistan parties boycotted the election, and nine Socialist and five other nomination papers were rejected on the most flimsy of technical grounds. Earlier last year a hand-picked Kashmiri Constituent Assembly adopted a Constitution whose third article reads, "Kashmir is and shall be an integral part of the Union of India." Having performed the task for which it was created the Constituent Assembly has since dissolved itself. This action of India's can only be compared to China's gobbling up of Tibet or Britain's brutal suppression of nationalism in Cyprus. Five times India has ignored Security Council resolutions calling for a plebiscite in Kashmir. On the last occasion India's delegate added to his unpopularity by making a marathon speech lasting seven hours forty-eight minutes.

India rests its case on the theory that Kashmir's accession is based on a British Parliament Act and on the grounds that the people are economically better off under Indian rule. Nehru and Menon claim that Kashmir's accession to India was in accordance with the provisions of the English Act of Succession. They claim that the decision of the Hindu Maharajah constitutes an irrevocable act that has settled the destiny of Kashmir once and for all. What they omit to mention is that when the Moslem leader of predominantly Hindu Hyderabad was opposed to joining India the Indian army seized the State by force. Nehru cannot have it both ways. If he was right on the Hyderabad issue he is wrong in his stand over Kashmir.

Undoubtedly, the people of Kashmir enjoy economic benefits under India which they could not possibly hope to enjoy under not-so-wealthy Pakistan. Education is free and compulsory. Today there are 2,000 primary schools, 100 high schools and twelve colleges in the State. Rice is the cheapest in Asia.

Prostitution is unknown and beggars are few and far between. Unpopular customs duties and grain levies have been abolished. Most important of all, the peasant, by and large, now owns his own land. This has been achieved by drastic land reform measures—the finest thing that Nehru has done for Kashmir. Under the Landed Estates Abolition Act of 1950, a ceiling of 22½ acres was imposed on the ownership of all land except orchards and pastures. All land in excess of this figure was confiscated and distributed among tenants cultivating the land subject to a maximum of twenty acres each. None-the-less no amount of reform can justify the imposition of foreign rule upon a country contrary to the wishes of its inhabitants.

The best argument that India can produce against the holding of a plebiscite in Kashmir is that it could lead to violence and riots. No one desires a return to the conditions of 1947 when hundreds of thousands of Moslems and Hindus were killed in maniacal outbursts of hatred. There is no doubt that the pro-Pakistan element would conduct a plebiscite on a purely religious and emotional basis. It would be a campaign for the Moslems of Kashmir to unite with their brethren of Pakistan. There might not be any trouble in Kashmir itself if the plebiscites were policed by United Nations troops. But there is the problem of no protection for the 40 million Moslems living in India as a minority group or the 90 billion Hindus in Pakistan. It was for this reason that 36 Moslem members of the Indian Parliament recently approached their fellow believers in the Islamic Republic of Pakistan asking them to stop interfering with the Kashmir question.

Pakistan's claim to Kashmir has a moral basis—the fundamental understanding that created India and Pakistan. According to this tacit agreement Pakistan was to have had in her territory those areas with a predominantly Moslem population. So Kashmir with its 77% Moslem population should belong to Pakistan. Pakistan's stand is obviously right. All that it calls

# PSYCHOLOGY SCORNE

The recent visit of the American so-called Educator, Dr. Ausubel, to New Zealand has stirred up a great deal of controversy on psychological methods of education in schools. Dr. Ausubel apparently prefers American-style methods and thinks that we should adopt them to prevent bodgeism. Coming from the nation with the highest juvenile delinquency rate in the world, Dr. Ausubel should have the sense to shut up about American psychiatric methods and we should take a good look at them before we get them foisted off onto us.

Basically psychiatric methods of Education—at least as practised in America—are dangerous to any community because they do not teach the moral responsibility of the individual. How will children learn what is right and what is wrong if they are not taught it—for psychiatric methods are reaching into homes as well as schools and an alarming percentage of children get no religious instruction. If they get taught motivations instead of morals and "socially desirable adjustments" instead of right and wrong, how can we expect them to behave by moral standards.

Psychiatrists themselves cannot even agree on how to teach children. One moment they are screaming their silly heads off about development of the individual child, and the next about group adjustment. Not a word, mind you, about learning anything or becoming decent people. Can we allow this unlimited "personal development" some psychiatrists are advocating? What if a child develops into a selfish inconsiderate and ignorant person—are we going to defer to the psychiatrists and allow that? Surely it defeats the main purposes of Education. If immature children are allowed to "choose their own lines of development" it is obvious that all but a few will choose the easiest—that is human nature. If they get no discipline, how can they learn self-discipline. Besides, aren't the teachers doing their pupils a terrible injustice if they do not make them attain certain standards? The outside world will come as a terrible shock to pupils who have been taught according to American psychiatric theories of development.

Or if the school stresses "group development and peer norm adjustment" isn't it committing a terrible crime against the individual, mentally and spiritually. If the pupils must conform to the low mental level of the slowest learner won't brighter pupils slowly be converted into ignorant and frustrated people, and the country's talent poured down the drain—which will ultimately mean the destruction of that country. If children are kept from having to face spiritual reality—the existence of God—by the desires of the psychiatrists to prevent "emotional disturbance" doesn't that mean the end of Christianity, the end of 2,000 years of truth and the

for is the holding of the plebiscite so that the people of Kashmir can decide their own future. Her stand is supported by the United Nations Security Council and every person who is a democrat at heart.

At the moment it looks as though Kashmir is to remain a divided state. All resolutions passed by the Security Council are contemptuously ignored in the same way as the resolutions over Hungary. It seems then that only a war of conquest by Pakistan could wrest the Valley of Kashmir from India. To this length Pakistan is not prepared to go.

—T.J.K.

slow, creeping advent of the materialistic totalitarian state.

If discipline is not maintained in schools because it is "psychologically undesirable" how can any standards of behaviour or learning be kept up—look at the example of the New York School System—and how can those who want to learn do so. If the psychiatrist stands between teacher and pupils and there is no respect for the teacher, why will pupils want to learn from him?

The experience of gaolers in Auckland Gaol has shown that when psychiatrists are allowed access to prisoners, indiscipline doubles. If people are told that they are not morally responsible for their crimes, but that "upbringing, environment and internal motivations" are the criminals—then they are going to resent any punishment.

The job of prison psychiatrists should be to make criminals realise their moral responsibility, not find some convenient peg on which to hang the flame. Similarly, if there was any reason for psychiatrists to be in schools, it should have been to teach the pupils self-discipline—or failing that, the need for discipline—not to sympathise with pupils because they acted like delinquents.

In a word, modern psychology has become a perverted Frankensteinian monster. In its early days it was a courageous scientific analysis of reasons behind human behaviour—sex impulses, jealousy, hatred and the lower emotions. (A view, incidentally, which coincided with true Christian belief or the "natural man"—read any of Saint Paul's Letters—but outraged unchristian smug Victorian complacency). Nowadays it has become a profession devoted to building up the egos of neurotics (for a fee) giving people who have done wrong, excuses to get rid of their moral responsibility and a battering ram against Christian standards of morality and any decent standards of Education—raising in the United States a crop of immoral, semi-illiterate ignorant and selfish people who cannot think for themselves and sneer at what is right. Whose only standards are those of Elvis Presly, the Sex-Orgy Hollywood Crowd and the propaganda of political hate merchants—the standards of the wolf-pack.

No—we must keep these so-called modern psychiatrists from infecting our country with their social cancer before it is too late. Any psychiatrists must be kept out of the school systems and the teachers, ministers and scientists brought in. "Whatever a man soweth, that shall he reap", says the Bible, and if we allow the psychiatrists to sow the seeds of their unchristian, unscientific and immoral methods in our schools we will indeed reap a bitter harvest.

—D.A.P.

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