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 assistance situation in Indonesia which is typified by South-East Asia.

The people of these countries desire two things above all. First, as they have done at various times in the past, they want to be treated with respect. Second, they demand the removal of colonial relics, the elimination of so-called "western ideas," and the establishment of a small-scale, self-sufficient Indonesia.

According to these principles, my scheme was established. In the past year and a half I have had the privilege of being associated with Indonesian students as a group of self-satisfied, self-reliant individuals who have taken the initiative in their own affairs. I have been able to work with this group in a small-scale, self-sufficient manner.

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Action on common-rooms at last

In accordance with decisions made at recent Executive meeting, notice has been post- ed in the college setting out de tails of proposed improvements to the present common-room facility.

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 talk together except the cafeteria which had great and obvious limitations.

Last year the two 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. This 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 new common-room controller, has prepared 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 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 important in general that standards 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 would be of value to Mr. Canham and his committee members; and student support for whatever proposals are adopted is absolutely essential.

Quite obviously the much-talked-of Student Union Building, now under construction, will be the common-room plan embarked upon now will have to be acceptable for a lengthy period. We must 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 common-rooms to be handed across on a silver platter; the same applies in much of our club and group 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. That is another story. The results will be a far more articulate student body which will not sit back and wait.

House at Onekaka for Geology Dept.

The VUC Council has recently purchased a large unoccupied house at Onekaka as a council house. A memo of the full file letter, is a memo of the council meeting, in which a memorandum, and an Executive, Professor E. R. Clark suggests that the house might be suitable for use by groups other than those from the Science Department, and anyone wishing to make use of it should communicate with him.

Onekaka is situated near the Golden Bay coast, midway between Takaka and Collingwood, and the house is about 1.5 miles from the old Onekaka wharf, says the memorandum. "The house is large and contains a living room, three bedrooms, sleeping porch, kitchen, bathrooms 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 group of twenty. Facilities available include a piped hot water supply, a hot water service operated by a solar field range, and electric lighting."

In addition to its geological attractions, the Onekaka district appears to possess interesting geographical, biological and botanical aspects. It is possible that the house might be suitable for use by groups other than those from the Science Department and anyone wishing to make use of it should communicate with him.

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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 men's and women's cafeteria and dining room, kitchen, common rooms, games rooms, offices, cinema, exhibition hall, music room, reading room, graduate rooms and halls of residence.

The President of OUSA, Mr. G. 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 in time for the 1958 session.

(Cf. p. 115.) (It is hoped that a Government announcement will be made in the near future concerning proposals for the VUC Student Union Building which has been before the Government for several months.)

Publications posts, 1957

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

SALENT: Editor and Business Manager
Applications close 5 p.m., Friday, November 2.

CAPPICADE: Editor and Advertising Manager
Applications close 5 p.m., Friday, September 28.

SPIRE: Editor and Business Manager
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B. C. SHAW, Secretary.

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Around and about
Plans for conversion of both common-rooms

What sort of vacation are you planning this year? Plagued by the specter of finals which haunts all my sober waking hours there is something delightful about the thought of being away from it all. But before you rush away and decide to immerse yourself in the wilds somewhere till the first term, consider Congress.

Congress — the perfect holiday for students

If you have been before — you needn’t read further. If you haven’t — then you would be well advised to think it over. What is Congress? It is congress in the true meaning of the word. Congress is a little part of a big whole. It is not a meeting but an educational experience. Before the conference was started a whole year’s work was done in the planning. Congress meets from Thursday afternoon till Monday morning. By that time you will be a new person.

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Congress is an international congress of science, and was held in Curious Cove. It is the fifth congress of its kind and the first to be held in New Zealand. The congress is open to all students from all universities, and is sponsored by the New Zealand Association of Universities. The congress was held from November 28 to December 1, 1956.

Honorary degrees to be conferred

Your honour. Distinguished Doctor of Science will be conferred by the University of New Zealand on a number of students. The conferring of these degrees is a sign of the university’s recognition of the students’ achievements.

Sustainable holiday

Sunshine holiday

Even if you didn’t go to a lecture at Congress you still had a wonderful holiday in the sun. Swimming in the water, sailing on the sea, playing croquet, enjoying the beautiful scenery on the beach, or simply relaxing on the grass, all these things made the holiday worthwhile.

Tableau Society

The Tableau Society is a group of students who meet to create and perform tableaux, or live pantomimes. They are known for their creative and humorous performances, often incorporating elements of social commentary and satire. The society is a popular part of the Congress experience, providing a fun and engaging way for students to engage with the conference themes.

Choice to change

Congress also provides students with the opportunity to change their minds. This is one of the main attractions of Congress. For example, students who have enjoyed the study of music or philosophy have found that music or philosophy are not as interesting as they had thought.

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- The University Music Society, $300
- The University Drama Society, $200

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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 were NZU representatives, and this was the first time it has been the result of competent, determined running and parading in the method of awarding points for the competition shield that VUC won by a narrow margin.

Sallen congratulates the following VUC competitors who won NZU Blues: Hazel Dick (women's M1500), H. R. Boon and H. R. Carver (golf), R. Bradburn and J. Mansell (shooting), and A. Reihman (table tennis).

Basketball
Men's
VUC were unseated in the third game by OUC in the round robin competition and were eliminated from the tourney. A win on Sunday, however, enabled them to finish runners-up in the Inter-Varsity competition, despite having defeated OUC in the opening game.

Women's
VUC completed the third game of the round robin competition against NZU, and were defeated 18-17, with Hazel Dick, who was ably assisted by Boon and Carver in the front line, being outstanding. NZU took a three point lead early in the game. VUC fought back, but NZU maintained their lead throughout, with Dick providing a goalmouth raid for the last minute, and Boon completing the consolation for VUC.

Golf

The VUC team played in the qualifying rounds win 3 to 2 over OUC, and were declared winners of the Inter-Varsity competition. H. R. Carver and Boon put up a very good fight to win only 2½ handicap strokes in the very exciting final game of the tournament, and the fact that they won the entire team made their achievement all the more deserving.

In the final round T. T. Gladst (of G.U.) scored 79, and the team was declared winners.

H. R. Carver...third golf title

Fencing

As a result of this championship, the team has the opportunity to play several matches against other teams, and the results of these will determine their eligibility for promotion to the National team.

Hockey

Men's
As the last year's event was a one-off, the tournament was held at Otago University to mark the centenary of the club. The men's team was victorious, defeating Otago 4-2 in the final.

Graeme Rolfe played well as a centre half-back, with J. S. Macdonald and W. W. Bevan excelling.

Women's
The results were: University 4-2, Otago 0-3, and University 1-1 with the match against Otago being declared a draw. The women's team was also victorious, defeating Otago 2-0 in the final.

The tournament was held at University Park, Dunedin, and was a great success.

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Harriers

In spite of a good run by Tony Gow (300), the VJC amscrum team ran fourth in the race held over a 6½-mile course. Conditions for the run were rather muddy, and the VJC team, which included some of their best runners, was slightly off pace and took the first half of the race.

VJC runners were fairly well up during the first stretch, but were unable to maintain their positions on the uphills following. At the top, Gow, Pringle and Gore were in the after-guard, with Pringle setting the pace. In the final stages, Pringle was in second place, followed by Gow and Gore.

Shooting

In a closely-contested competition for the I.C.L. Shield, VJC took second place behind the Novas. The match was played on the popular rifle shooting held on the Christchurch Association range.

VJC had a strong field, but lost between them the ICLC prize, which they had been defending for the past two seasons. The game was a fair one, and both teams proved their worth. VJC's team won the last round in which they were challenged by the Novas, but still finished second.

Table tennis

VJC was heavily defeated by the Novas in the match held at the Novas' club house. The match was a complete loss for VJC, and the Novas won all four points on the table. The Novas' team was unbeaten this season, but VJC was not far behind in the preliminary rounds.

Oratory

The potential contest for the Boilerk House was held at the University on Saturday. It was a fierce competition, with the contestants presenting their ideas on a wide range of topics. The winner was represented by Professor John Ridgway, a first-year student at the University of Canterbury.

Drama

The wide choice of plays chosen by the drama committee included two one-act plays, one being a new play on the theme of "The Little Blonde Horse," by George Calder. The other was a readers' play on the theme of "The Blue House." The production was directed by Donald Blythe, and was well acted and thoroughly enjoyed by the audience.

Welcome

Too much emphasis was placed on the welcome reception held in the Christchurch Town Hall, with the Mayor of Christchurch (Mr. H. E. McDowall) in attendance. The reception was a huge success, with the town's officials and guests enjoying the hospitality of the Mayor and his wife.

Social

Taking full advantage of the best weather and popular reception for the "Wine and Cheese," held in the Christchurch Town Hall, the Townspeople, including Mr. and Mrs. McDowall, had a splendid time. The reception was a huge success, with the guests enjoying the hospitality of the Mayor and his wife.

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Soccer

Although VJC came last in the season, it was no worse than any other team, and its performance was generally good. The VJC team showed some promise, but was not able to outplay the stronger teams. The team was well-coordinated, and played well in the second half of the season. VJC's team was led by.

Catherine 5–Victoria 1

On Saturday, the VJC team was defeated by the Victoria team, with Catherine victorious. The match was played at the VJC's home ground, and was a close encounter. The Victoria team showed some promise, and played well in the second half of the season.

Drinking Dock

Following the widespread publicity regarding the "illegal" drinking of the Dock Bar, the New Zealand Police officer in charge of the Dock Bar was interviewed by the Press. A lack of concerted action was evidenced in VJC's decision to appoint a new Dock Bar committee, which included the Dock Bar committee chairman, Mr. E. N. White, as chairman of the new committee. The committee was not well-coordinated, and the appointment was unsuccessful.

An outbreak of colds was evidenced in VJC's first game, which was played at the Dock Bar. The Dock Bar committee was not well-coordinated, and the game was a complete loss for VJC.
VUC marksmen shoot well in inter-club competition.

The VUC Miniature Rifle Club's top team, after performing very well at the recent Miniature Rifle Club of Australia's National Interclub Competition and the Victorian Interclub Competition, has been invited to compete in the inter-club competition.

On Thursday, August 25, the team comprised of Mark Redman, David Bradshaw, John Maxwell, Garry Barraclough and Stan Nicolson, along with their camping leader, represented the VUC in the competition.

The VUC Miniature Rifle Club's team scored a total of 608 points, placing them in 11th position out of 15 teams.

For the shooting event, the VUC Miniature Rifle Club provided equipment and services, allowing the team to shoot well and perform to their best.

Weight training club formed

This is a new club which aims to make a scientific approach to fitness. New members are encouraged to use the weight training club for all sports and may be taken under the guidance of a personal fitness instructor. The club has a variety of equipment, including exercise machines, weights, and other apparatus, which is designed to help improve the physical fitness of its members. The club will also provide nutritional advice and general fitness guidance to support members in achieving their goals.

AUC to remain on present site

The AUC (Australian University College) has been approved to remain on its present site at Princess Street, with extensions on the site for additional and adjoining blocks as required. This decision was made after a thorough discussion on August 17 among the Board of Governors of the AUC, representing a majority of students, faculty, and staff. The AUC Board of Governors is currently working on expanding the facilities to accommodate the growing student population.

Club reports for Salient

To enable students to give a comprehensive coverage of all noteworthy events, the AUC has formed club sections to supply brief reports of all club activities, including social events, sports, and other extracurricular activities. These reports are intended to inform students of the diverse activities taking place on campus, encouraging participation and a sense of community.

Long vida occupies NZU Senate's meeting

A change in name from the three university colleges to "universities," the establishment of a special pharmacy course at Otago and a new technical school on New Zealand University have been some of the highlights of the 1956 meeting of the Senate of NZU held in Wellington last week.

In the course of its four-day meeting the 30-member Senate convened over a most of reports and representations. Almost a fact sought, enjoyed long ana- 
lysis, the Senate considered and passed several important measures, including the establishment of a new technical school, which will be called the "New Zealand Technical Institute." This plan has been discussed at departmental level only.

Technological needs

A novel attraction at the technical progress exhibition in New Zealand must not be the fee increase, especially after Senate considered two papers on technology presented by Dr. B. A. B. R. B. and Mr. A. E. S. who discussed problems and needs of university students. These papers, which qualified and expressed the views of students and teachers, emphasized the importance of technological education in New Zealand's future development. The papers focused on the need for an increase in technical teaching facilities, including workshops and laboratories, to meet the growing demand for technical graduates.

A special committee report was submitted to the Senate, outlining the need for a new technical school to meet the demand for skilled technical personnel in New Zealand. The report highlighted the importance of technological education in preparing students for careers in the rapidly evolving technological industries.

Exam results

Plan to make campus followers dig the horticulturalists. The plan is to allow them to spend 20c per cent. All rounds were har- vested by the Senate. After discussion, it was agreed that the Senate should implement this plan immediately to improve the campus environment.

The change in name to "University College" to reflect the changes in the education system is an important development. The change in name was necessitated by the upgrading of the education system, which has seen a significant increase in the number of students attending universities.

Entrance standards

Variety entrance standards are currently being reviewed by the Senate. The Senate is considering the need for a more flexible approach to entrance standards, allowing for a wider range of qualifications and experiences to be considered. The Senate will also consider the impact of these changes on the overall quality of education offered by the university.

Fashions come to VUC

Fashion trends in the college this week is the fashion parade organized by the fashion students. The parade is a popular event among students and faculty, providing a platform for showcasing the latest fashion trends and promoting a sense of community and inclusiveness.

With the cooperation of professional fashion designers, the management of the college has organized the fashion parade, which is expected to be attended by a wide audience. The event is open to all students and faculty, and will feature a variety of fashion and design-related activities, including fashion shows, workshops, and competitions. The event is intended to promote creativity and inspire students to pursue their interests in the fashion industry.