McCarthy Comes to Vic—Have We Lost Our Freedom?

By Dr. I. C. Fleming

The Health Service has been asked by a student interviewer, to make some comment on the establishment of facilities for sex education and/or birth control centres in the university.

It is unfortunate that a relatively minor field of our interest should be given prominence in the early days of the Federal University, which the students with an expression is our responsibility to meet their inquiry.

Sex Education

Adult sex education is generally regarded as being an intrusion in sex attitudes and the relationship between the sexes.

Those who offer this instruction are usually doctors interested in health education, psychotherapists and the clergy.

The part taken by the doctor is usually that of "dispensing information"—the biological functions of sex and the anatomy and physiology of the reproductive systems etc.

The psychotherapist and the clergy are interested in the affected attitudes towards sex, and remedial work.

Their part in sex education is therefore the explaining and encouragement of normal attitudes to sex and the development of a balanced and integrated personality.

Those are the basic areas of interest, these are the main problems that the Service now has the personnel to give this instruction.

Before introducing any programme of sex education, the team must evaluate objectively what we hope to achieve and to formulate the seed and the desire for such an education.

Any discussion among ourselves must be preceded by a statement of the student body admitting the uncertainties and at times confusion, that exists among many experienced and capable educators in this field. From here, the students may well question whether we can accomplish a rational and realistic goal. This should be the challenge. After discussion among ourselves, if we are unable to meet this challenge, then we should foster the present existing facilities rather than proceed with a limited programme of sex education, restricted by the uncertainties and confusion that hamper the more experienced.

From reports of the health problems in overseas universities, sex would not appear to be a health problem among any great number of students. However, the problem has been too difficult to divert too much effort and time to this field, and if we are not one encouraging the greater problems of student health, adequate housing, adequate study facilities, safety in sport, recreation and occupational health etc. This is why there should be other avenues.

Nelson Closed Other Eye

Last Sunday the university took to the water. This was not the first time run by the VUW Yacht Club as part of the University Festival.

This race which had twelve entries saw the appearance of only six. It was rumoured that one crew had been delayed at the Toronui St. Police station.

The size of the boats ranged from a bath tub which was swamped on entering the waves to a monstrous great raft supported by four 36 gallon kegs and a loose of logon cords.

The big boat, or the Floating Barrier, as it was called, was the flag of "man overboard" during most of its trip, although overboard would have been a more descriptive term.

Another boat in the race was an iron bottomed supported by two 56 gallon drums plus mast, uncorrected sail area. The West End House entry, a wooden framework with two masts is a treasured and loved by two black rubber-tubed figure in the teeth with kavanagh, spexian, etc. to combat collisions.

When the race started the Weir entry left the field standing and was round the buoy before most of the others were ten yards off the beach. The floating barrier got itself too, but got itself into a lot of trouble motor going. When last seen it was heading towards the Hang. The Extrav male ballet entry and a private yacht-cam sadder entry deserted after the start and stayed in collision for most of the race while a miscellaneous of sabotage and general confusion.

The blushing (Weir House) entered the good prize of 450 trophies judges Tim Bickerstaff and Jane Addis, although it encountered extreme resistance to its passage back through the rest of the field. The judges awarded the novelty prize of 400 (doh) donated by the Evening Post) to the floating barrier.

Radical Group

A new group called Te Rangatihiti has been formed in the University to discuss and take action on national and international issues.

The declared aim of the group is to work towards world peace. The group is non-political and open to all students who are interested in world issues.

Only one thing was needed to make the University Festival complete—a good band, a good song, a good wine, and Miss Suckling with her charming sweet gift giving. In 100 feet high following words would appear:

"He who is not for peace will find himself in the company of the unknown and the evil still."
Letters...

God Defend New Zealand

Victoria's is not only the campus where Executive members are prepared to suppress the views of people they disagree with.

There have been similar examples of this intolerance reported recently from Auckland and Lincoln.

It seems that some members of the Executive have distorted ideas about the functions of a University. The fact that such people are on the governing board of a university is enough to give cause for some concern. Students who are subjected to such treatment are denied the opportunity to develop their views in a meaningful way.

Judging by their past performances, the would-be Joe McCarthy regards the University as a sedate, pure, insulated, and uninteresting place where his fellow students and he can grow up in the comparative ease and middle class harmony of the cloistered beach and loving arms of the old man.

We mustn't mention sex, because it is not a proper subject for the young ladies and gentlemen of our revered academy. Forget it. Don't talk about anything. Just sit there and remember that there are ways of life other than ours. That might make people think. Don't let the idea that the world is becoming chaotic slip through their minds. That might disturb some of the serene innocent young countenances. In short, don't be a University at all. And we won't have a night school or a high school. The idea killers might deny that this is a night school, but their actions would give the lie to their words.

Out with the Mormons (do you remember that little episode when the Mormons wanted to use the little Theatre?) Out with the Hypnotists (we remember that one). Down with any who holds public demonstrations. In short, every form of opposition against the South Africans. What about President Bishop being censured (in his absence) for taking part in a public procession, and the like? Have been known to censure Sallent. And now—out with any radical viewpoint—it's sure to be Communist.

There is a choice between the coin of the country. It is about Public Relations.

The obvious fact is that the University needs endorsements that students want public sympathy to enable higher business to be raised, that we need more Government money for various reasons, and have one pressing purpose. Such a plan must do, say this little group, build up our public relations in town. We must give the idea that the students and staff are truly academic people, and that we have succeeded where they had not hampere Don't by money shortages.

If it really matters if the intellectual life of the campus is as stimulating as a great-grandson's sex life. As long as we can point out that education is a great deal more than just sex, if we permit anyone who has different ideas to speak here. We must keep such people out because education is a great deal more than sex. And this is where we stand. In short, whether or not we are as corrupt as hell, we must tell the world what little angels we are.

There is a传出 of the University stimulating the town. Ha, ha. In some mysterious way we can apparently do this even if the executives don't want us to do it. Don't think so, but it is a way to harrass the police. One has to be a little factual about this, intellectual life would be about as stimulating a sex pudding. It's not much better at the moment, but God help the campus if we have any more attempts to "tame it down." God help the rest of society, too, if we are to be in our duty to produce and stimulate more ideas and outlooks.

The people on Executive, who would run their little guide through the campus (whatever they would call it, that's what it would be) are the same people who say the Executive should not take an stand on important issues without the support of the majority of the Association.

This is one of those tropo-comical situations—it would be funny to anyone who thinks that the liberal tradition of the University is a joke. But the people who call for student opinion have utterly failed to find any kind of lead. They rule their regiment from behind by holding it backing when they feel like to. They look like the man in a straw hat, who rules the campus by wearing an intelligent straw jacket without noticing it. It's high time they showed they had some brains and started building while they still have the chance to bow out gracefully.

There is a place for them at the University but none on the Executive. —D.P.W.

Sodomy

Dear Sir.—Cecil J. Sodomy should join his efforts to the Director of Physical Education to try to have a more suggestive of rather than accord Sallent residents with an interest in the problems of homosexuality. His fellow ex-students and pseudointellectuals really irritate, to have to be so unintelligent as his article would lead us to believe—it is a hopeless hatchet-job of superficial rationalisation.

Sodomy carries his "brown coat" complete too hard. As "Keev" or "merry little while superficial" this condescending condescending must not get through the great majority of us saw the act of till the up the cricket plane for what it was, the inquisitorial and satirical facet of a "merry" and mindlessly guided mind who had nothing better to do to their time. The word "merry" was emphasized by the "Teaching Penout" because it is an emotive as Sodomy blithely suggests but purely because it factually describes its action.

Years of labour go into the careful preparation of a great cricket pitch. The best players were not teams, but teams had a right to be included in the match, which really is a matter of the authority. The teams, which are the heart of the game, have a right to the same authority. The teams, which are the heart of the game, have a right to the same authority.

Sodomy spokes of the acutely inti- mate individuals who have, unless the word, must be deeply hurt. May I suggest the substitution of the word "superintendent" for the word "gay"?

Dear Sir.—I read with great interest the recent discussion about the homosexuality of Scandinavian. I agree that the issue should be treated with sensitivity and understanding. However, I would like to point out that the term "homosexual" is often used interchangeably with the term "gay". It is important to use the appropriate term, as each has a different meaning.

Christianity

Dear Sir.—One or two things about Christianity should be pointed out. First, Christianity is a religion that exists on an ethic of education on a religious ethic. In short, to be a Christian one has to say to Christians about what they are doing. Secondly, about Christianity is the form of teaching of Christianity. It is not what Christians should try to do.

Secondly, Christianity claims that it gives its followers the ability to keep its massive code of ethics. If they do not, the followers' moral nature is not capable of keeping it. If they do not, it seems very possible to try to force a system of laws or morality down people's throats so that they have the ability to keep the laws.

I would agree with D.P.W. that Christians in general do not al- ways think or act as they should and would suggest this is the cause for a blanket dismissal of the subject.

I would disagree that starting from his axioms one can attain an "ought" of his kind. If I do, I suggest it would be nearly as easy as to construct a true moralistic rhetoric.

Christianity or any religion in gen- eral does not do this but just prints the teachings of its individual founder and suggests strongly that religion should be placed on it and its ethical system should be fol- lowed.

N. E. WHITEHEAD

Keep Vic Pure

Dear Sir,—I note that at last the University has decided to cut out of our deal wood. Over one hundred students have been excluded, at least eight hundred before the map- ping they are leaving the univer- sity anyway. I trust the practice will become an annual rd. The benefit to us as a University will be enormous. For many time our role will be $5000 instead of $3000, in the should have been excluded (have had left anyway). 100 worthy students who otherwise would have been turned away will be welcomed to the University. I await Dr. Marriott's report on the matter. The report is the story about the 100 worthy students who otherwise would have been turned away for lack of space.

World Record Club

As one of the more enterprising record companies, with an extensive repertoire of artists and music, World Record Club deserves separate mention in this column. Listed among the various diverse artists in their various periods are no. 424, a wealth of music, ranging from Toscanini, to Bud Shank, from Scarlatti to Stravinsky. Many releases. It undoubtedly enjoys tremendous public support.

NEAPOLITAN SONGS Bari- nana Gaiti (tenor), World Record CO. 484.

The items on this disc—put out on World Record's new Connois- seur Series—span a period of some twenty-five years. They include everything from Donizetti to Puccini' 's"La Fanciulla del West" in the opera, and the tamer records—of the most beautiful—try to record the most beautiful. It is important to note that these records are not for those who think they ought to be one of history's great voices.

TRAJS, Horn Concertos Nos. 1 and 2, Dennis Brain (horns) and Philharmonia Orchestra/Scarlatti, World Record Rec. 608.

These have been some nine years of historical piece of recording and artistry. Dennis Brain is the exponent of the French horn. He is a hard act to follow, but it is hard to follow. BRAINS, horn player is the leading light of the art. His playing is a great con- tribution to the world of music.

VISITAS DE VANCADA. Music by Albeniz and Turina. Laurenz Ar- naud (pianos), Record Society 687.

It is too much of a good thing. Thirty minutes of solo piano playing and there are no pian- oists to a specialised audi- ence. Road-ward's métier playing out of these notables Italian com- positions. Though not been better, not be condemn. Record is excep- tional, lending a very favourable stance to the guitar.

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M.P. Wants To Abolish U.E.

University Entrance should be abolished, says Mr. J. G. Edwards, M.P. for Napier and a member of Labour’s “New Look” coalition.

Edwards made this claim at a recent meeting organised by the University Labour Club. He was speaking in an address to 22 students on Education and the Labour Party in following the unspoken social and economic role the University could be determined by good work and scholarship rather than the ability to pay for the same.

Edwards explained that he was in favour of abolishing U.E. on principle. U.E. was an unnecessary burden, he claimed, and he believed that students should be judged by their ability to pay for their own education. Since all students would be treated equally, he believed that the system was unfair.

He also argued that training itself should not be the deciding factor in admissions. The result should not be as important as the manner in which education is received. He felt that diversities should be taken into account and that those who were able to benefit from the programme should be given the chance to study for a degree.

The salary scale for teachers would have to be increased in proportion to qualifications, and it is the initial year of (U.E.) would be higher. In order to get this out of the system, the government would provide 10% to 15% interest, so as to allow teachers of much more experience and leave them with some time to teach, he said.

Dealing with university education, Edwards and an M.A. graduate from a Victoria and a former school teacher, mentioned several issues. He said that the role of a teacher was to provide more and better education without taking.

He also said better accommodation must be provided for students. “If we are to have new academic failures, the policy was that the government should build more and better units for students and in particular, not to deprive itself or leave it to the churches.”

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Sukarno Not A Free Agent

"Sukarno operates within a political framework," said Mr. M. W. Raffel, lecturer in Political Science, to a packed E066 during the recent Indonesian Week. When he speaks, therefore, he may be speaking at times not for himself but under pressure from the communists or the army, depending on how the forces of the nation are aligned at the moment, a speech to redress some imbalance. Mr. Raffel suggested that the Indonesian policy of confrontation was not simply the result of Dr. Sukarno's nationalistic fervour.

Though he is an extreme nationalist, who dreams of Indonesia's grandeur, to attribute the policy of confrontation only to this, or to any single factor would be a mistake. There are, he suggested, a number of international problems which made confrontation an inevitable, a useful policy.

Sukarno shares a three-power group, a coalition consisting of himself, the army and the Communist party. He has to take into account the thinking of these other diametrically opposed groups.

Both Sukarno and the army have a community of interest; both are hostile to parties, to liberation, to factional bickering, both emphasize the importance of the revolution.

Mr. Raffel maintained that the army were in a position where they needed a protector, and that Sukarno was that protector. In return the Communists support Sukarno and give him a measure of independence from the army.

Significance was attached by Mr. Raffel to one of the earliest public statements in the dispute. It occurred in 1949 when Yamini, a Sukarno aide, advocated the inclusion of British Borneo, Portuguese Timor and Australian New Guinea in Indonesian territory. This statement was disowned by the government, but Mr. Raffel said, "It is on the history books.

Mr. Raffel also pointed out that in 1949 a Sukarno established sub-committee of which Sukarno and Yamini were members voted 20 to 25 to include in Indonesia not only all former Dutch holdings, but also the British territories in Malaya and Borneo. For including Malaya at least, the vote was 65 to 17.

Unusual Play

Students will have an opportunity to see in the first week of next term a great modern play, one which has aroused interest and controversy wherever it has been performed.

The Life of Galileo by Bertolt Brecht is being given its New Zealand premiere by Khanhullah Arts Theatre under the sponsorship of the University English Department in the Memorial Theatre from May 25 to May 30.

Brecht wrote. The Life of Galileo within the framework of his conception of "epic theatre". He seeks to create a sense of involvement by using a pure narrative style, which forces the audience to observe and judge according to its understanding, but not become involved in the emotion or dramatic action of the play. He constantly reminds the audience that it is in a theatre.

Through realistic in its smaller details, the Khanhullah Arts Theatre setting is stylized and unobtrusive. Every scene is an independent, fluid unit, and does not depend on any linkage with the others. This is achieved in a variety of ways apart from the text. Khanhullah Arts Theatre's production uses projection to reveal the plot of each scene before it begins. Above all, Brecht demanded that drama should express a social conscience. He condemned, as did his contemporaries, unscrupulous, self-seeking men, and strongly believed in the ability of humanity to improve itself.

It is not surprising then that Brecht judges Galileo harshly. He portrays him as a scholarly and lazy man who, in spite of his brilliance and scientific achievement, did not acknowledge social responsibilities and so received his just punishment. Brecht, being a Communist, was influenced by the Hiroshima atomic bomb which was dropped while he was at work on the version of the play that Khanhullah Arts Theatre is to present.

Though Brecht's own position is clear, the audience is enabled to take a quite independent attitude from the facts as they are presented.

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Action for Bursaries and Accommodation
says Taylor

It is my intention if elected to represent the students of this University.

Executive has been dominated by semi-bureaucrats for too long. Its members have been seemingly uninterested on the views of students, and in what the students really want. This is in part, the fault of the students themselves, but it is my hope that with a greater Executive-student liaison, this apathy can be overcome. The Executive should lead the student body. It should not limit students' rights to voice their opinions on political, economic, religious and social problems, as was done by the out-going Executive.

University social life is organised around Club activity - but at the present time, there is little or no cooperation or co-ordination between clubs. I would like to promote a Clubs' Council which would provide for the meeting together of every Club President and Secretary at periods throughout the year. This Council in conjunction with the Executive, could contribute a great deal to the discussion and formulation of student policy.

Additional and important co-ordination could come through the instituting of a Political Clubs' Council and a Religious Clubs' Council, in addition to the present Sports' Council, (a body which needs much reinvigoration)

STUDENT ACCOMMODATION,

As Chairman of the recently formed Sub-committee investigating Student Accommodation, I have strong views on this problem. It is the most important problem facing students today. In five years' time, over 2,500 students will require accommodation. Present plans (if successful) will provide for 750 only.

I propose the following steps:

A central accommodation organisation to fulfil all student accommodation requirements from year to year, and to act as guarantor for students to landlords. This latter would result in a great increase in the flats available to students, and a substantial decrease in rent. If successfully practised it could also possible cut out the land agents exorbitant fees.

An investigation into possibility of Students Association investing money in the acquisition of flats etc.

More direct pressure on the Government for further Halls of Residence - provided either by way of cash grants higher and more attractive interest rates for loans for this purpose, or tax reductions.

UNIVERSITY BOOKSHOP

The outgoing Executive has been noticeably slow in investigating the proposal mooted by President Blizzard. A Student bookshop on the campus is a necessity, and should be incorporated in the New Student Union Building Extensions - even at the cost of losing the "Higher Priced Dining Room". The difficulty is the effective combatting of a price war which could easily cripple such an enterprise. My proposal is to set up a co-operative organisation open to all students with all members able to buy books at a price only slightly below store prices. However, at regular intervals, all members would receive cash payments, equalling 20 or 30 per cent reduction, according to the worth of the books purchased.

STUDENTS' UNION BUILDING

There can be no denial that students should have some right to decide what is to happen in their building. If I am elected, I undertake to do all possible to ensure that students' wishes are represented before the Building extensions are commenced. I am against any such proposal as the "Higher Priced Dining Room", which could lead to discrimination amongst students. I am against bureaucratic authority which decides what is best for students without consulting them. Some examples - the closing down of the coffee bar earlier in the year the proposal that students will have to buy dance tickets on the Thursday before a Saturday dance (to limit the numbers!)

BURSARIES

This is another of the everlasting problems which demands investigation. High living costs mean that the present bursary system is most inadequate. Travelling bursaries and research grants to those completing degrees would create an added incentive to student, and a higher standard of learning.

PUBLIC RELATIONS

The formation of a good public image is of importance. Wellington citizens must be made more aware of the worth and ability of the majority of the student body. All students must be encouraged to participate in University Festivals, and All citizens must be informed by adequate publicity of proposed Student activity.

OVERSEAS STUDENTS

It is my opinion that overseas Students need more help and encouragement from New Zealand Students - not only to make them more welcome, but to give them a better understanding of this country to take back to theirs. More study weeks, like Indonesia Week are required. Adequate university accommodation should be provided to enable overseas students to gain immediate entrance to university affairs.

The most important factor to combat is discrimination not only amongst landlords but amongst the students themselves.

PROFILE

A third year B.A., L.L.B. student, majoring in Political Science and International Politics, Alister Taylor has had extensive organisational and administrative experience in business and committee work within and without the University.

Receiving his secondary schooling at Palmerston North Boys' High School he took such an active part in all activities he was accused once of trying to 'run the school'. He is also a sometime Bible class chairman and youth leader.

Active in many University Clubs, Alister Taylor is president of the National Club, secretary of the Political Science Society, and chairman of the new Student Accommodation Investigating Sub-Committee. He has also been selected to attend the National Youth Forum, and a later Public Affairs Discussion Group.
University Needs To Be Impartial

says Pettigrew

Let us criticise, but let us also examine. I believe that students should not leap into print making moral pronouncements on an issue about which they know little. I do not see the Students’ Association as just another morally indignant pressure group, nor do I see it as a group merely to its own interests, but I feel that it is the only body which has no allegiance to a particular group of share-holders, members, or electorate, has access to evidence from a variety of sources on a variety of topics, and possesses the people who can analyse this information calmly and rationally.

For some issues the facts are clear enough as to allow rational comment to be made without the necessity for a detailed examination - the protest against the recognition by the Government of the ‘South African’ Cricket Team, as such, is an example. But most issues are much more complex than this and I would like to see them examined by fact-finding committees which would make their findings known to students and to the general public. I believe that this is a practical benefit which could be made by the sub-committees of Executive to the student body as a whole.

This would also help to create or encourage some concern amongst our students for issues of a wider scope than the immediate. While I would not make the moral judgement that all students should be interested in more than just obtaining a degree, I think that the wider the interests of the student the better for the university as a whole, as well as for the individual student, and I feel that all students should at least be given the opportunity of finding more at Victoria than merely the academic knowledge of a few subjects. Efforts are being made in this direction by such means as Indonesia Week, but general student interest is still deplorably low and I intend, if elected, to do my utmost to help and encourage efforts tending to change this state.

I am particularly concerned that students should develop an interest in international student activities, especially in the Asian region, and I intend to support such schemes as those which have been mooted - to enable students to visit, for example, Indonesia or Malaysia during the long vacation. Only in this and similar ways can we appreciate our increasingly important international environment.

In the more internal field, my main concern is that Victoria’s public image is pretty squad in many circles. There are many problems involved in trying to improve this, not the least of which is getting the students themselves concerned. It is indeed a long-term policy, but one which is of the utmost importance to the Association, and one which I will support to the utmost by encouraging such efforts as the film with which I am already associated, the Festival, publicity of, for example, the Volunteer Graduate Scheme, and an increasing discussion of the problems and role of the University.

Victoria is a non-residential university with a very high proportion of part-time students, and it is largely because of this that we lack the corporate spirit the cohesiveness, which makes for an active Association. We are split into two camps - the career men for whom the university is a means to a qualification only, and those for whom it is, for a time at least, an end in itself. It is the resolving of this split - that of camps, not necessarily of opinions, - which will do a great deal towards giving the University a place in the life of Wellington.

I believe that the University has a role to play in the community as an impartial observer and critic. I believe that we are not playing this role, and that it is of prime importance both to ourselves and to the community that we do. We must do two things to achieve this - we must examine critically, and we must show the public what we are doing and what we have done. This is not easy, and it is not quick, but if elected I intend to use my influence to the utmost to achieve these ends.

PROFILE

A Third Year Political Science Student, also studying Asian Studies and Sociology. At Easter 1963 he ran the Tournament Yachting and became Chairman of NZU Yachting Council. He later joined the Public Relations and International Affairs Subcommittees of the Executive. He is organising a film documentary on the University for the PR committee and is VUW liaison officer for the Volunteer Graduate Scheme. He recently started the VUW Recorded Music Society.

This year he is commodore of the VUW Yacht Club watching over a raffle currently running, organised the recent novelty boat race and is supervising a scheme to obtain a club boat, and other various long term projects.
New Constitution And Chapel Under Pilchforth

My past experience has taught me that is is possible to be efficient in administration while still allowing the traditional liberal attitude to the Association's business taken by most of the volunteer workers. If it were not for these people the work of the Association would grind to a halt. It is essential that the President keeps in close contact with these people as well as the members of Executive Sub Committees.

THE S.U.B.

This is managed by the Management Committee and the Executive through the house committee. Considerable confusion has arisen because executive members have not realised that the work of the executive and the Management committee through its Managing Secretary are complementary. Students have of course a majority on the Management Committee and I undertake to ensure that the views of the executive are expressed in the Management Committee.

The third floor is of great importance because of the growing numbers. The higher priced dining room is a good idea because students entertaining their parents or clubs entertaining speakers and important visitors can get the better service which is often wanted. The many services which have been proposed and have been dropped through lack of space can be revived to a certain extent, but things such as barbers and bookshops have to be carefully considered. We are open to varsity for 26 weeks in a year and commercial people working in the building would have to have some other method of money making if they are to survive, particularly through the long vacation.

BOOKSHOP.

This is desirable but not practicable at the moment. Over the years many suggestions have been mooted and the past President campaigned using the bookshop as his platform. He did make some enquiries after he was elected but there is still no bookshop and if he finds anyone who promises a bookshop will have great difficulty in producing one. There must be somewhere to put it, someone to run it, capital to start it and sufficient demand to ensure it does make a profit at times other than the beginning of the year. The only practical suggestion so far is the co-operative but this has many difficulties to overcome including the breaking of monopsonies.

CONSTITUTIONAL.

I have spoken to the executive at length on this subject and they undertook to see me, and when this was done I was to prepare a draft. Then there has been little action taken since, as only one member of the executive came to see me, I will finish this work and when it is in a form which is acceptable to the executive it will be placed before the General Meeting.

ADMINISTRATION.

Efficient administration is a necessity. As a matter of policy I will try to ensure that what can be done by paid personnel shall be done leaving students free to do the policy work. As we expand we shall need more office staff and this will be attended to as the necessity arises.

NATIONAL.

The Victoria delegation to council complained that liaison with other universities was almost nil. This is of course the job of the President, to ensure that we do not become isolated. With the NZUSA office so close it is essential that both organisations remain separate and that one does not dominate the other. Each does a different job and represents a different type of organisation. It is also essential that the President consults the executive before going to council so that the views of the executive can be put forward.

This year split delegation meant that the views of Victoria were not considered to have as much weight as other universities.

HALLS OF RESIDENCE.

Victoria needs halls of residence and this can only be done in co-operation with NZUSA. This is a national problem and concerns Auckland and Canterbury as well as ourselves. Victoria should help in every way particularly by putting pressure on the Government to require them to take a course of action which includes the building of Halls of Residence with other University buildings.

FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS.

The University have planned their future building programme for some time to come. By the time this is completed the facilities for students will be far too small unless action is taken now to ensure that there is adequate Common Room space, Cafeteria and Coffee Bar Room.

CHAPEL.

As the chairman of the Quietroom committee I have initiated proceedings to start a Chapel Appeal Committee. I am still waiting for an assurance of support from the Religious clubs but members of the quietroom committee who represent these clubs seemed to think that there was a need for this facility. I shall ensure that a positive action should be taken on this issue.

INTERNATIONAL.

The 11th Internation Student Conference is to be held in Christchurch. This is our chance to show that N.Z. has an effective National Union. This can only be done if the people involved are aware of the situation. Having been on NZUSA executive for over a year I have been kept in close contact with the developments.

PERSONAL CONTACT.

If any student wishes to see me, as president, I will be available. The president is your primary representative as a student. I am still studying for a degree so I am subject to the same pressures as most of the undergraduate population.

PROFILE.

A Law student, aiming to graduate in two years, Roger Pitchforth has had three years experience in the administration of student affairs. He has spent two years of the VUs Executive, as House Committee Chairman and Secretary. He was Secretary of NZUSA last year, and is Administrative Vice President this year. Also, he has spent two years on the management committee of the student union and is now chairman of the Quiet Room committee where he is at present organising an appeal for a chapel at Victoria. He belongs to the SCM and the Judo Club.

He plans to re-draft the Constitution to distribute decision making.
Shopping Concessions
Unbonded Bursaries
says Robins

The Presidency of the Victoria University of Wellington Students' Association should, ideally, be conducted under two major policy divisions:

Domestic - The President should conduct the overall supervision of student welfare and student activities within the University; he should be the link between the Association and the Student Union; he should be the initiator of measures designed to improve the position of the student on the Campus, especially in relation to facilities for study and recreation; and he should encourage student comment on matters relating to the University.

Public - The President is the representative of the Association in its dealings with both people and organisations off-campus; he is the initiator of measures designed to improve the position of the student with the public at large and to put the student viewpoint to Government when the occasion demands it; he should take the steps considered necessary to foster good student relations on the international level.

Over the past few years there has been a tendency to centre more and more of the day-to-day activities of the Association in the Association's Executive. The result has been a decrease in the attention paid by Executive to broader policy matters relating to the various Association activities. Similarly, the President has become involved in matters of day-to-day machinery, rather than in general policy supervision. It becomes apparent in any large organisation dealing with widely differing subjects, that a greater delegation of authority is required if all interests are to receive the attention required. To this end, if elected, I would initiate a reorganisation of the Executive to ensure its greater efficiency, in particular Men's and Ladies' Vice Presidents would be given greater responsibility in the administration of Association Policy.

International Affairs:

Promote a V.U.W. student opinion on matters in which students have an interest, and have constructive ideas to put forward. To this end Clubs will be encouraged to promote their views, but always in a manner that does not cause a deterioration in the University's or Association's standing. Seminars on particular international topics will be encouraged to be organised by students, funds being made available, where necessary, to obtain speakers resident in New Zealand, and suitably qualified.

National Affairs:

As with International Affairs, the promotion of a V.U.W. student opinion will be encouraged. Clubs and sub-committees wishing to organise seminars and meetings will receive my backing, if the ideas to be put forward are constructive. At a time when criticism and the opportunities to criticise are being gradually suppressed, any part the Association can play to thwart such trends in highly desirable.

Student Publications:

These will be encouraged, so long as they do not place an undue financial strain on the Association. "Salient" in particular, will be encouraged to continue its critical coverage of a wide field of subjects of interest to students. As in the past the Executive will rely on the integrity of the "Salient" editors to ensure that a high standard of responsible journalism is maintained.

Bursaries:

Efforts will be made to remove the bonding clause under which one quarter to one third of all students holding bursaries are subject. In addition representations will be made for an increase in bursaries for the purchase of textbooks, the prices of which are rising, while the value of the bursaries remains static.

Halls of Residence:

The case for Halls of Residence will, as in the past, be brought strongly to the Government's notice at every available opportunity. In addition, efforts will be made to see whether flats can be made available by the public, more readily than at the present time. An investigation will be undertaken as to the feasibility of setting up a 'Board of Trustees' to negotiate with Landlords on behalf of students, the Trustees in effect guaranteeing that the student will be a desirable tenant.

Shopping Concessions:

Efforts will be made to obtain discounts at selected Wellington stores for 'bona fide' V.U.W. students, on a similar basis as operates for members of the Public Service.

Student Health:

Representations will be made for a resident dentist to be employed, at reduced charges to students.

Union Building:

At present there are carefully defined limits to the authority of the Association's Executive and the Student Union Managing Secretary. Efforts will be made to maintain these limits, and where possible extend further the authority of the Association in the running of the Student Union Building.

Public Relations:

Over a period of years the standing of V.U.W. students in the Wellington community has gradually declined. It is my wish to see V.U.W. students accepted in this community, as students in other New Zealand university centres. Besides the problem of accommodation - which in part has been caused by a poor public image - vacation employment, shopping concessions, and the general acceptance of the University as having an important and useful part to play in the community, will all be tackled by an intensive public relations campaign. To this end the Public Relations Committee will be asked to prepare a comprehensive scheme, in conjunction with an Executive Committee, to achieve these aims.

PROFILE

A graduate in Commerce and qualified accountant, Tom is at present a research officer in a Bank. He received his secondary schooling at Christchurch Boys High, where he was active in swimming, tennis, soccer, fencing and skiing. He was the holder of a McKenzie ski scholarship, and a successful contestant in South Island Skiing.

He has a year's labouring experience, a spell in the army, and has worked in advertising. At University he has been interested in skiing and is at present Treasurer of both the V.U.W. Students Association and NZUSA. He has introduced streamlining methods into the running of VUWSA finances, and will be playing a big part in the organisation of the coming International Student Conference.

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