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## COLLEGE POLITICS.

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### ELECTIONS.

(By Democrat.)

The Students' Association of this College has the satisfaction of knowing that its government is the most democratic that could exist. The members of the Executive Committee are elected annually by secret ballot at which all financial members of the Association are eligible to vote. Theoretically the Executive Committee commands the support and confidence actively expressed of a majority of the members. It reports in general terms at the half-yearly meeting and presents a detailed report and balance sheet at the annual general meeting.

So far so good. Last year, however, a system was adopted whereby each member of the Executive Committee specialised in and became responsible for one particular aspect of the work of the Association. The system was good but a hitch occurred when it was discovered that some members, though excellent all-rounders, showed no particular aptitude for any portfolio and thus threatened the efficacy of the institution.

Democratic institutions therefore have their drawbacks. Those of our present system of electing the officers of the Association may be enumerated as follows:—

- (a) The fact that a man is popular is a very poor indication of ability. Unpopularity in fact is usually a sign of uncommon ability.
- (b) In spite of all efforts it is only a small and hardly a representative section of the members who actually exercise a vote.

- (c) The Association suffers annual loss of good men who are defeated in the election of the higher officers.
- (d) A considerable proportion of those voting are absolutely unacquainted with those for whom they must vote or whom they must reject.

No one will doubt that popularity is an exceedingly useful asset. It commands obedience and assistance where another would look in vain. Unfortunately, however, it is probably the most unstable quantity in existence and runs the risk of being supplanted by an equally strong antipathy. Furthermore, its real usefulness lies in the captaincy of sports and not in the running of an organisation like our own which more and more approximates that of a business. Efficiency is the necessity and efficiency under the present electoral system is a happy fluke.

With the inauguration of the Consolidated Fee the Association from a working point of view tends to become more and more an association of affiliated clubs and societies rather than of the members thereof. That being so the fact that so few members actually exercise their vote is really a great danger to unbiased treatment.

This year for the first time will come into operation the separate elections for President and for the other members of the Committee. This is an earnest attempt to avoid losing the services of one who may be the best man in the College. The idea might be carried further.

It is farcical to call an election democratic unless the electors know the people for whom they are voting. As a matter of fact this is scarcely ever wholly the

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case even with the older students while with the first or second year men it is a step in the dark pure and simple. "What's in a name?" In this case the name becomes of paramount importance because it is all that most electors have to go on. Considerable improvement might be effected by requiring those nominating a candidate to state also his qualifications for the position, previous experience, etc. These might be posted with the nominations accepted as required by the constitution even if not published on the ballot paper. Intelligent voting might then be substituted for the Chinese system of picking winners from a racecard.

Perhaps the only really effective way of securing the election of an efficient executive is to adopt the following procedure:

An election should be held for the offices of President, Vice-Presidents and Secretary. The election of President and man Vice-President should be simultaneous, the man polling the highest number of votes being declared President and the proxime accessit Vice-President. The various affiliated Clubs and Societies should then elect representatives to a Council which would also include the newly elected President, Vice-Presidents and Secretary. This Council would then proceed to nominate and elect suitable persons for the various portfolios. It would be advisable to allow ordinary members of the Association to forward nominations to this Council. It is not for a moment intended that the persons so elected should necessarily be members of the Council but such members should not be ipso facto ineligible.

The foregoing scheme would, it is claimed, provide a remedy for all the ills mentioned earlier in this article. The influence of personal popularity would be minimised, as it should be, but not eliminated, which would be undesirable. A much larger and more representative voting membership would be reached through the affiliated clubs and a wider

field of nomination would be opened. At present nominations are almost exclusive to a clique of those personally interested in College activities not because this clique aims at this end but because other members are too apathetic. The scheme propounded also eliminates the risk of losing good men in the course of competition. Incidentally the Association would save a considerable amount of money and would avoid the expensive and cumbersome procedure of a double election. Finally there would be an end to voting in the dark.

This scheme will take some time to put into operation. One point, however, should be attended to immediately. The full name of every candidate should be printed on the ballot paper. Initials are not sufficient. The elector is entitled to know exactly for whom he is voting and in this direction former returning officers have been guilty of very grave sins of omission. It remains for our present executive to remedy this defect.

#### COLLEGE PLAYING AREA.

Applications for the use of the lighted playing area were received at a recent meeting of Stud. Ass. from the Football Club and the Men's and Women's Hockey Clubs.

It was decided to recommend to the registrar that the use of the grounds should be allotted as follows:—Football Club, Monday and Thursday evenings; Women's Hockey Club, Tuesday evening and Wednesday afternoon; Men's Hockey Club, Wednesday evening.

Auckland "Sun," April 18, 1927: Happily the churches are alert to the needs of the modern world, and without fuss or foolish compulsion, are making progress backward to a simpler life and an honest fellowship in things spiritual. (If the churches continue to progress backward at this rate they will doubtless go a long way forward in a long time. —Ed.)

#### "CROOKS, LTD."

Our annual extravaganza, this year entitled "Crooks, Ltd." will open at His Majesty's Theatre on Saturday of next week. This night will mark the climax of months of concentrated effort upon what is by far the most difficult and the most ambitious project undertaken from year to year by the Students' Association.

If the opening night goes with a swing the success of the season will be assured beyond doubt. Students who are not actually taking part in the play can do their share by buying tickets and being present in force from night to night, and encouraging the cast by appreciative applause. The extravaganza is the Association's only big undertaking, and it is the only large-scale effort on the part of the student body to attract the notice of the public each year. If it is a success it means much, apart from the very real value of its financial results. It is the duty of every student to attend not merely once, but twice, thrice, or many times.

This year the Carnival Committee has been fortunate in securing a fine play with exceptionally good original music. The cast includes several favourites of long standing, but there has also been an unusual influx of new players into the company. Needless to say, the show will be nothing if not bright. Rehearsals have been conducted continuously for weeks past, and everything now augurs well for a wonderfully successful season.

Special concession tickets for students and their friends, giving priority booking rights two days in advance of the opening of the box plan to the public, are now obtainable at College, the price being 4s. per ticket. Tickets may be obtained for cash from the Cafeteria or in the library, as well as from a bureau in the corridor. Students wishing to sell tickets to friends may obtain the number they require in the library or at the bureau.



## NEW TERROR FOR VISITORS.

Extract from the "Christian Science Monitor":—

"A well-known British musician who has just returned to England after an American tour is telling his friends of the perils he survived. He claims that one morning he was interviewed by four girl reporters before he left his hotel, while two more met him on his way to rehearsal. 'How many newspapers are there in this city?' asked the harassed artist. 'Only one,' said one of the girls. 'Then what—?' began the puzzled visitor. 'Well,' was the answer, 'we are all students of the School of Journalism here and the whole class always interviews distinguished visitors!' 'And how many students are there?' faltered the musician. 'Two hundred and thirty-five,' said the girl."

(We understand that a somewhat similar experience, but on a slightly smaller scale, befel the majority of the southern Tournament delegates on their arrival in Auckland on Good Friday. This explains why Auckland won the Tournament Shield with such unexpected ease.—Ed.)

## CANUTE AND THE OCEAN.

A modern version of the story of King Canute and the tide:—

Mr. E. H. Northcroft, at Tournament Debate, in his most imposing manner: If those students who are coming in like that don't—

But the tide flowed on unheeding to the actual ledge on which the speaker stood, and to show its contempt for his threat it left a fowl deposit right at his very feet.

When was George Bailed Out?

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If Otago's little scheme for the abduction of the Boxing Shield had succeeded Auckland would have held the Shield for the second half of the year. Do you doubt it?

## TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE.

### NO OFFICIAL ROWING EVENT.

A number of matters of interest to students were discussed at a meeting of the New Zealand University Tournament Committee held in Auckland during Easter.

The proposal to include a rowing contest between teams representing the four Colleges in the Tournament each year, was considered, but was considered impracticable. Owing to the possibility that inclement weather might prevent the holding of the contest after the teams had made the journey to the Tournament centre, and the difficulty of arranging billeting and fitting in the contest with other events the Committee declined to accept responsibility although sympathising with the idea. The following resolution was passed:—That the delegates, while sympathising with College rowing, do not find it possible to include rowing in the programme and recommend that a contest be held separate from the Tournament.

It was decided to alter the method of allotting points for the Tennis Challenge Cup. In future one point will be awarded for every match instead of for championships only as in the past.

A letter was received from the A.U.C. Hockey Club asking whether the rules of the Tournament could be altered to allow the awarding of New Zealand University Hockey Blues. It was decided to reply stating that the matter was outside the jurisdiction of the Committee and suggesting the formation of a duly constituted body on the lines of the New Zealand University Football Council. In this connection the A.U.C. Hockey Club has now decided to approach the Hockey Clubs of the other Colleges with a view to the formation of a New Zealand Council, and has appointed Mr. F. H. Paul, of Victoria College, its delegate to the council when constituted.

The proposal that the Haslam Shield shooting contest should be held in the Tournament centre

each year instead of each college shooting at its home centre as at present was discussed, but owing to the fact that the fixture would clash with other important Easter meetings it was decided to take no action.

The balance sheet showed that there was a profit of about £30 on last year's Tournament held at Dunedin. It was decided to congratulate the Otago University Tournament Committee on the financial success of the Tournament and on the successful manner in which difficulties occasioned by the Exhibition had been overcome.

With a view to the better control of the Tournament Debate in future it was decided that a charge should be made for admission, the amount of the charge being left to the discretion of the centre controlling the Tournament.

It was decided to send a letter to G. J. Sceats of Victoria College, congratulating him on obtaining a triple Blue in boxing, athletics, and football.

It was decided that the rules of the Tournament should be re-drafted and brought up to date, a committee being appointed for the purpose.

## CAPPING CEREMONY.

Students will be glad to hear that in spite of the change in the method of conferring degrees there will be this year a ceremony on similar lines to the Capping Ceremony of previous years. The date of the ceremony has not yet been fixed but will probably be decided upon during this week.

Owing to the proximity of the end of the term the next issue of "Craccum" will be published on Wednesday, May 11.

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It is reported that Miss Bourne's Baby Austin made a savage attack recently on the back wall of the garage. The babe sailed on triumphant but the wall was a crumpled wreck.



## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

## THE TOURNAMENT DEBATE.

Sir,—Surely it is a matter for regret that on the only occasion on which the University has come before the public this year, its appearance should be accompanied by incidents totally unworthy of its traditions. Rowdiness at a debate may be tolerated, and chaffing and good-natured heckling welcomed, but to throw rotten fruit about and to insult the men who consent to judge the debate is to put us outside the pale altogether. Such conduct at a Tournament Debate reflects on all four Colleges, but most heavily upon the home College. Nor is this unjust, for the home College, were it to cultivate a sufficiently strong body of opinion among its own members is always present in sufficient numbers to control the conduct at the Debate and keep it within the bounds of decency. It is up to every student to see that such a body of opinion is cultivated. Then, perhaps, we can be trusted to hold a procession again.

N. A. LEONARD.

Sir,—For the fiasco in which the Tournament Debate resulted I do not blame the students; but I think the Tournament Committee was largely responsible for the ensuing uproar by its failure to take reasonable precautions. Firstly, Auckland students were shepherded up into the gallery. This was of course an open invitation to the local humorists to make a "rough-house" of the proceedings. However, it is problematical if they would have been quieter if accommodated in the body of the hall. What is certain is that those in the gallery of the Town Hall Concert Chamber have a poor chance of hearing ordinary speakers on the stage. Even during the periods of calm it was difficult to hear the speakers and as a result, the galleryites had to think of some other diversion. There was nothing in the speeches to arrest the attention of an audience, certainly not to entertain

a young and impatient audience. A debate is, of course, a debate and is not intended to be entertaining. The contestants are speaking to the judges and are not expected to care the least whether there is a public or not. On Monday night the gallery was in a mood to be entertained but none of the speakers strove to be humorous or original or to attract the sympathy of the crowd. A speaker with more experience and originality can hold the attention of a restive or hostile audience and win its sympathy by his evident courage. A political candidate can often deal quite effectively with hecklers and win over a crowd which likes to see fair play. At our debate however the speakers are apparently supposed to talk without any means of defence against interjectors. It is useless to expect several hundred young men to endure a succession of dull speeches about a dull subject delivered by amateurish orators who make no attempt to attract the respect or sympathy of the audience. Certainly most students go to the debate with the hope of causing a riot. It is a tradition. But this tradition grew out of the fact that debates have been so uninteresting. Brighten up the speeches and the students will listen for fear they miss something. These prospective Rhodes scholars, these leaders of men, these future statesmen—they will not achieve greatness by debating before attentive, polite and bored audiences. Rather among the impatient crowds in the market places, in the electric atmosphere of election meetings, must they speak. I want the University to produce speakers who can make their audience listen by their skill. These are the only ones that are wanted in the real world of to-day. But there is another possible way of enabling the audience to hear the speeches and of gaining its attention. It should not be very difficult to have the speakers' voices amplified and made audible in all parts of the building. It is done elsewhere. Some of our enterprising science students

might have spent their time more profitably in fixing up a microphone arrangement with a loud speaker in the gallery than in getting ready for the Tournament Ball.

INAUDIBLE.

Sir,—I am glad that students were expelled from the Tournament Debate before it was half completed. I would like to congratulate the Tournament Committee on its decision to make the meeting more orderly in future. After all, cat-calls and indiscriminate noises are not funny, whereas an orderly debate with one or two quick-witted interjectors in the audience can be extremely amusing. I hope that the students will learn their lesson from this experience and realise that the Committee is serious in its intention to conduct the debate in an orderly manner. As for the throwing of the persimmons, which was the actual cause of the break-up of the meeting, those responsible have deeply disgraced themselves and their college, and the less said about the matter the better.

DISGUSTED.

Sir,—A correspondent in the daily press expresses the hope that the ringleaders in the disgraceful proceedings at the Tournament Debate will be punished in a most drastic manner by the University authorities. Expulsion from the University would, he thinks, just about meet the case. I agree with him. I consider that at these functions, the chairman, in asking for a fair hearing for the speakers should remind students that noisy persons would be expelled from the University and debarred from attending C.U. teas and Stud. Ass. dances. I feel sure that this announcement would have a sobering effect.

OPTIMIST.

Sir,—The suggestion made by a correspondent in an evening newspaper that the students responsible for the disgraceful proceedings at the recent debate should



be expelled from the University will, I feel sure, have the enthusiastic support of all who have the welfare of the University at heart. Expulsion would, in my opinion, be far too lenient a punishment. I suggest that the ring-leaders should be publicly executed in Princes Street. The avenue of trees would serve as impromptu gallows if sufficient lamp-posts were not available. If it was decided to carry out decapitation a stage, similar to that used at the opening ceremony of the College should be erected in front of the main entrance. All respectable citizens and pardoned students could then gain a good view of the heads being struck off. Another alternative to expulsion would be imprisonment in the tower like the Lady of Shallot. This would provide a use for the tower, which seems to serve no purpose at all at present.

MARTINET.

#### 'VARSITY WIT.

Sir,—I was present at the half-yearly meeting of the Students' Association, when an attempt was made to extemporise an informal meeting, and I was also present at the Tournament Debate and at the improvised mass meeting on the Civic Square afterwards. I was not present at the mock reception but the newspaper report of the proceedings serves merely to confirm the impressions I had already received. These impressions are that for originality, ingenuity, wit, self-reliance, self-confidence, and organising ability in the face of difficulties Auckland students compare unfavourably with a crowd of schoolboys. The absence of wit was painfully obvious at each gathering, but the lack of the other qualities became evident at the improvised meetings after the half-yearly meeting and after the Tournament Debate. In each case there was present a crowd of students all eager for fun, and surely nothing could have been easier than to have organised mock meetings without notice. But apparently in each case there was no one to lead,

and then there was no one to assist with speeches. Under the circumstances any speeches made would not have required to be very clever to keep the audience amused, but there were no speeches at all. To those who know the College, of course, this is not surprising, but it is a great pity. Though our College might never be able to produce speakers of real genius surely it should be able to do better than this. One important reason for its failure is that students are never, under any circumstances given an opportunity to practice this sort of thing, so that when a little enterprise is required they do not even know on what lines they should proceed. Practically all of them are even ignorant of the way in which a meeting should be conducted, and certainly all of them are unpractised in the art of improvisation. During the many years in which I have attended the College I have never yet known a meeting to be held for the delivery of impromptu speeches. It is the obvious duty of the Debating Society to provide for this side of the students' education, but if the Debating Society intends to persist in its neglect of this duty is it not time that some more live-wire society was formed for the purpose?

ORATOR.

#### THE DEBATING SOCIETY.

Sir,—The first term is nearly gone, and so far the Debating Society has held one debate. The Debating Society is unquestionably the most important organisation in the College, and yet it is apparently being allowed to die a natural death. Are our students so utterly indifferent that they intend to permit this to happen without even the mildest protest?

MOURNER.

#### CLOSING OF COMMON ROOMS.

Sir,—One day during Easter, immediately after the conclusion of the Tournament I had occasion to call at the College for something which I had left in the men's common room. Imagine my sur-

prise when I found the whole of the Students' Block securely locked up. I understand also that more than one student was faced by locked common room doors on the night of Tournament Ball. Apparently the authorities took it for granted that all students would be in attendance at Scots Hall that evening. If students are ever to regard the common rooms as something in the nature of club rooms it seems reasonable to suppose that some of them at least will be just as anxious to foregather there during vacation as during term. At least if the building must be closed during vacations it should not be too much to ask that a conspicuous notice to this effect should be posted up some days in advance.

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#### A HEAVY JUMP.

Inter-Faculty Sports programme:—Long Jump Championship, 4.20 p.m. Standard, 19ft. 6ins. Record, 21st. 8ins., W. J. Perry, 1921.

Anyone who can jump 21st. is sure some jumper and his record should stand unchallenged for many years to come.—Ed.

Correspondent of "The Critic," Otago University: Many of our comrades attempt to disguise themselves with a few futile signs of future promise which they splice to their upper lip.

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What is this we hear about College cigarettes going up in smoke?

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## THE EASTER TOURNAMENT.

### A COMPLETE SUCCESS.

"I have been to five Tournaments, and this was the best of them all," said a fair southern delegate prior to her departure from Auckland at Easter, and the A.U.C. Tournament Committee may be forgiven if it flatters itself that a similar feeling was general among the visitors from the south.

With the assistance of perfect weather the Tournament proved an almost perfect success, even from the point of view of those who failed to win many trophies. But particularly from A.U.C.'s viewpoint the Easter gathering was an extremely happy one. Never before have students taken so lively an interest in College affairs, and never before has the College been so successful in a Tournament.

Now that the tumult is over, and hakas no longer rend the night air and crocodiles no longer roam the main streets bearing heavy placards and uttering hideous cries, it is to be hoped that the enthusiasm engendered during the heat of battle will not be allowed to die away in the days of peace. Though hakas and crocodiles may not be needed now, enthusiasm and energy certainly will be. There are still far too many societies in the College which languish and threaten to perish for lack of interest on the part of students. It is easy for students to look on and wait for entertainment to be provided for them, but it is correspondingly difficult to provide the expected entertainment unless assistance is freely offered.

### TOURNAMENT BASKETBALL.

Several resolutions dealing with basketball matters were passed by the New Zealand University Tournament Committee during Easter.

It was decided that in future instead of counting only one point toward the Tournament Shield on the results of the basketball contest five points should be

allowed and allotted as follows:— One point to the winner of each preliminary match; one point to the winner of a match between the two teams defeated in the first round; two points to the winner of a match between the winning teams in the first round. This means that an additional match will have to be played between the teams defeated in the first round.

It was also decided to award three New Zealand University Blues annually to members of the basketball teams. The Blues will be awarded to the best defender, best centre, and best goal. Recommendations for the awarding of the Blues will be left in the hands of a committee of three to be appointed by the chairman and secretary of the Tournament Committee.

### STUD. ASS. NOTES.

A request that several medical students at present completing their training at the Auckland Public Hospital should be permitted to join the A.U.C. Stud. Ass. was received at a recent meeting from the Otago University Stud. Ass.

It was decided to reply stating that the students in question would be welcome to join the Association on payment of the usual fee.

The "Mansions" Hostel Club applied for permission to affiliate with the Association and also asked for a grant to assist in providing social functions. It was decided to grant affiliation subject to a satisfactory constitution being submitted, and to make an advance grant of £2 10s.

Canterbury College Stud. Ass. wrote asking the Association to join with it in agitating for the restoration of the Capping Ceremony. It was decided to approach the College Council with a request that a ceremony as nearly as possible similar to those of past years should be held.

An application for financial assistance in entertaining the visiting Victoria College cricket team

was received from the A.U.C. Cricket Club. It was decided to inform the club that the Association would be prepared to pay lunch and afternoon tea expenses of the visiting team alone on the days of the match.

A hearty vote of thanks was passed to officers of the Defence Department for valuable assistance rendered to the Haslam Shooting Team in practices and at the final match.

### VISITORS' IMPRESSIONS.

There was a very general similarity in the remarks made by the southern visitors regarding their impressions of the Queen City during Easter. "Craccum's" special representatives made vigorous efforts to gain first-hand knowledge of what the visitors were thinking, but in most cases they heard the same statements re-echoed again and again.

Of course there were a few original spirits, and one or two were even so ingenious as to see a likeness to a wedding cake in our College tower. But usually they confined themselves to expressing admiration for our College or our weather.

One young lady from the south, however, took a different line. "What has surprised me most," she said, "is the number of girls about this College with long hair down their backs. We never see them. One girl did once come with long pig-tails, but next day there were so many letters of protest for her in the rack that she had her hair cut short."

### COLLEGE CELEBRITIES.

The presence of Ernie F. T. Adorns every day A.U.C.  
May I ask, do you know  
If he owns the whole show?  
For it seems very like it to me.

Pray who is this Straubel, pray who?

Can anyone tell us? Can you?  
Is he famous in what?  
Is it sport, spoof or swat?  
No, his face is his fortune. Quite true!



## LIST OF FIXTURES.

Friday, April 29

Physics lecture Theatre—Engineering and Architectural Society meeting—Address on Grading of Concrete Mixtures by Mr. E. J. McLaren.

Saturday, April 30.

College Hall—Stud. Ass. dance.  
Football and hockey seasons open.

Sunday, May 1

Entries, with fees, for Honours and Engineering exams., and Senior and Tinline Scholarships will not be received after this date except with late fee. Entries for advanced subjects, B.A., and B.Sc., must also be received by this date.

Monday, May 2.

Approximate date of publication of the first number of the "Kiwi."

Students' priority booking for "Crooks," Ltd."

Wednesday, May 4.

Box plan for "Crooks, Ltd." open to the public.

Literary Club meeting—Reading of papers on Bernard Shaw, followed by production of "The Dark Lady of the Sonnets."

Saturday, May 7.

His Majesty's Theatre—"Crooks, Ltd." opens.

Wednesday, May 11.

Publication of final number of "Craccum" for first term.

Saturday, May 14.

First term ends. (Secretaries of societies are requested to notify the editor of the dates of all meetings for inclusion in this list immediately they are fixed).

## OWNERSHIP OF A SHIELD.

The true ownership of the Basketball Shield won by Auckland at Easter presented the N.Z. University Tournament Committee with an unexpected puzzle at a meeting held at Easter. When the subject cropped up it was dis-

covered that no one present knew who really owned the shield or even who had presented it or to whom.

This was the first occasion upon which basketball had been an official shield had been competed for special Tournament event, but the viously by teams from the four Colleges. Apparently the question of whether the donor would be willing to allow the shield to become the official trophy for the official basketball contest had been overlooked.

The Canterbury College delegates were appointed a special sub-committee to inquire into the position and report immediately.

## ON DIT.

That the rumour that Prof. M — W — selects the names for the menus in the Cafeteria is entirely without foundation—we have it on good authority that they are drawn from a hat.

That the wearing of College bands on the arm seemed rather an ill omen—but A.U.C. proved not to be dead yet.

That there is, apparently, at least one Union worse than that of the I.W.W.

That many are wondering whether our nice new buildings are to the old people somewhat like new toys to a child.

That the crop of trophies won by Auckland in the Tournament this year will do more toward arousing enthusiasm among students than anything else could possibly do.

That a lecture must not be confused with a social hour. In a lecture the lecturer is supposed to hold the floor—it may seem strange, but there are people who like to hear what he has to say.

That Auckland has never won the Athletic Shield and that it never will.

That the undergraduettes, who unsuspectingly sat down at the staff table in the dining hall, say that the butter there grew no larger than at the other tables—we are surprised to hear this. Perhaps "some one had blundered."

That the emblem or crest of "The Mansions" should be a long snake or a sinuous crocodile rampant.

That Auckland does not yet quite know just how it won the Tournament Shield except that apparently no one else wanted it. Also that now it is here Auckland may as well see about keeping it here for good.

That we are thankful that "soupe à la wooden spoon" will be off the A.U.C. menu this year.

That a Boxing Shield in Auckland is worth a dozen at Otago. Also that Otago will hold the Boxing Shield for the second six months of the year—if it is lucky—extremely lucky.

That if A.U.C.'s football team could pass with half the speed and accuracy of its basketball team it would make similar, or even better, scores.

That the climate of Auckland is ideal for tennis, basketball, and shooting; and that when Auckland wins the Joynt Scroll and the Athletics Shield this will also be attributed to the climate.

Rumour has it that a certain room at Scots Hall was much in demand on the night of Tournament Ball but was strictly reserved for the use of the elect. Whether its strict privacy or its thirst-quenching possibilities provided the principal reason for its popularity is not known. It is said, however, that the simple word "Caretaker," on a boldly-printed notice attached to a certain door served to disarm the suspicions of the majority of the non-elect.

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