

# "CRACCUM"

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## NO CAPPING DAY.

### THE COUNCIL'S ATTITUDE.

The following reply, dated May 31, to its request for a reconsideration of the decision to hold no official capping ceremony, was received from the Hon. Geo. Fowlds, President of the College Council, by the executive of Students' Association, at its meeting on Wednesday, June 15:—"I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter regarding the decision of the Council at its last meeting, to mark stong disapproval of the behaviour of some of the students at the Tournament Debate. I agree that the decision of the Council not to hold a graduation ceremony is not quite a satisfactory way of dealing with the matter. The only satisfactory way of dealing with it would be for the penalty to fall directly upon those who were responsible for the occurrence. If your Association would supply the names of those who were responsible, I am quite sure the Council would be willing to review the position, and deal with those responsible in such a manner as would not involve hardship to others.

"Personally, I have always been an advocate of reasonable latitude for the students, but the recent demonstration has so shocked public sentiment that unless your Association can suggest some better method of adequately expressing disapproval, I do not think the Council would be willing to reconsider its decision."

In view of the success of the previous evening's entertainment, the executive considered it somewhat superfluous to pursue the subject further, and the letter was received.

## STUDENT MISCONDUCT.

### ACTION BY GOVERNMENT.

Improper conduct by University students at capping and other ceremonies has come under the notice of the Government, according to a letter from the Minister of Education, Hon. R. A. Wright, received at last meeting of the Victoria College Council. The Minister wrote:—"Recent examples of disorder among university students at public functions and in public places have aroused a good deal of comment. It seems to be felt in some quarters that the Government should take action in the matter. My own opinion is, however, that ample disciplinary power is already vested in the professorial board of each University College to bring the students under proper control, although a request from the College Council that the professorial board should exercise its powers with greater strictness might not be out of place."—"New Zealand Herald," June 10).

Rumour has it that in consequence of recent violence and disorder among students the Professorial Board of Auckland University College wrote to the Prime Minister, M. Coates, urgently requesting that martial law should be proclaimed immediately, while the Council of A.U.C. wrote supporting the request and suggesting that the assistance of the British Government should be obtained before it was too late and matters got out of hand completely. A meeting of Cabinet was immediately summoned, but while it was unanimously agreed that the Government should do something, it was felt that the matter was too serious to be dealt with lightly, and it was decided to communicate with the Government of Great Britain.

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In view of the popularity of moustaches and "side-boards" speculation is rife in the Women's Common Room as to who will be first to sport a goatee.

It is reported that a plague of hares has descended upon the land of A.U.C., and has covered the face of the land—or of the young men.



The Prime Minister, M. Stanley Baldwin, replied by cable, deprecating any precipitate action, and stating that as Lord Kitchener was now dead, it would in any event be difficult, if not impossible, to raise another citizen's army throughout the Empire. While realising that the throwing of a tomato in a public place was a serious thing, His Majesty's Government would be loath to declare a state of war except in the last extremity, and would like to suggest that possibly by the exercise of tact and patience, similar to that employed by the British representatives in China, a similar happy result might be obtained without resort to force of arms. Should circumstances warrant it, however, the Government would not hesitate to divert to New Zealand a large proportion of the troops stationed in China, where, happily, the crisis was now apparently past.

On receipt of this communication, Mr. Coates immediately called another meeting of Cabinet. As the disturbance among students had now to some extent subsided, Cabinet was reluctantly persuaded, largely by the eloquence of the Hon. R. A. Wright, Minister of Education, to take no drastic action in the meantime. The Minister declared his conviction that ample disciplinary power was already vested in the Professorial Boards to bring the students once again under control, but promised to administer a sharp rebuke to the Councils and Professorial Boards of the Universities for their laxity in the past.

### SMOKE CONCERT.

A smoke concert will be held by the Men's House Committee in the Men's Common Room tomorrow (Friday) evening, commencing at 8 o'clock. An excellent programme of musical and other items has been arranged, and indications are that the concert will be a thoroughly successful one. The charge for admission will be 2/6.

## THE GRADUATION CEREMONY.

### "CRACCUM'S" EXCLUSIVE REPORT.

Arriving at the Town Hall at about 7.45 p.m. on the evening of Tuesday, June 14, "Craccum's" special reporter was delighted to find a dense mass of humanity packed round all the doors, fighting to gain entry. He became crestfallen, however, when he found that the doors had been closed upon the hundreds of people outside, and that not even the mana of "Craccum" could avail to gain him admission. With the resourcefulness of his kind he clambered up the straight wall of the Town Hall and suspended himself upside down from the small inequalities of the paint round the eaves. In this position he could see most of what was going on and hear more or less the sounds emanating from within. His unaccustomed attitude, however, made his somewhat dazed, and when it was all over his mind was filled with a medley of strange images and confused noises. Seeing no other way out of the difficulty, he decided to compose his description of the entertainment by means of a combination of the three newspaper reports on the subject. He found the task more difficult than he had anticipated, but after considerable toil he managed to produce the following:—

The university students did a number of things last evening. "It is not in a spirit of defiance that we have acted so," said Mr. D. H. Steen. Mirth that was unconfined, but which contained none of the elements of buffoonery, was wigged and bearded like a professor of music from Poland or Russia. The hall was crowded by citizens, and they were tossed out regardless of expense. Long before the ceremony was scheduled to commence the doors were closed, and the notice "full house" was tending to make the University merely a machine for conferring degrees by post. Auck-

land evidently wants the students' procession back again. Over £100 was raised as a result of all those little formalities which mean so much to University life. Things commenced with a rhythmic swing when hundreds turned away before the performance began, but as far as the Easter debate is concerned, the throwing of fruit was not approved by any of the students. Unfortunately, the Council had also declined to let the students hold an annual "rag" in aid of charity. From then on the audience was kept in paroxysms of laughter by a conductor who looked like a cross between a bargain sale and a Russian artist. The serious part of the ceremony consisted of Mr. D. H. Steen, a majority of whom were present in hoods and gowns. Boxes of chocolates were showered on the women. The ladies, as usual, received bouquets. Next a model graduation ceremony was presented and occasionally a passionate embrace from lusty young "females" with very grass-grown legs and an abundance of garter. The model graduation ceremony disseminated cheer germs by the Professorial Board, a bewhiskered, tottery, but for all that, dignified band, a ragged-looking lot, who, with the greatest gravity and discord sang "Down Among The Bluebells." A dashing bevy of "girls" from the Consolidated Stammer Schools in correct gymnasium dress, assisted to maintain the humour of the entertainment with ludicrous lady-like hakas and rather rheumatically eurythmics. One caused much laughter by appearing in full mountaineering kit. With much blaring of trumpets Mr. R. O'Shea was shot from the wings by a rejected lover, and was borne off dead, while the students cheered and applauded. In a burst of liberality the professors decided that the students were entitled to hold an annual procession.

Lord William Rufus Goodfellow was of a most orderly nature, and on a particularly lavish scale. Without the authority of the Senate, Albert Edward Forde was given a season ticket for consola-



tion birthday honours. Mr. Coates was awarded that of B.N.K. (Big Noise of Kaipara). Mr. Calder in person went through a film test with her trainer. This raised a strong protest from Professor Sperrin-Johnson, who declared that he had lately climbed to the top of the Andes. Going over the edge he hoped he had done so, and if Auckland lost its student procession it gained an excellent entertainment. The professors of the University attended the performance. The evening wound up with the Frothblowers' anthem and much cheering.

### AMERICAN DEBATERS.

#### VISIT TO NEW ZEALAND.

A proposal by the associated students of the University of Oregon to send a debating team of three members on a nine months' tour of New Zealand, Australia, India, or South Africa, Egypt, England, Scotland and Ireland, was discussed at a recent meeting of the executive of Stud. Ass.

A letter was received stating that the team proposed to commence its tour with a debate at Honolulu about October 18. The team would probably be in New Zealand from about November 1 to November 15. After returning to New York it would take part in 20 or 30 debates in American cities before reaching Oregon once more. A copy of a suggested contract to be signed was enclosed. It suggested that the debaters should be guaranteed 100 dollars to cover expenses. They would work on board ship while travelling to assist in paying their way. They would be prepared to give formal addresses or informal talks upon contemporary American life and problems. They would be prepared to accept invitations to appear before societies and clubs and radio audiences. The names of the three Oregon debaters selected at a trial debate were Benoit McCroskey, Jack Hempstead, and Avery W. Thompson.

As the proposed dates of debates in New Zealand would clash with degree examinations, it was decided to take no action, but to refer the letter to the Auckland Forensic Club.

### YOUTHFUL TOURISTS.

American Universities are apparently firm believers in youth. Of the three debaters from the University of Oregon who propose to make a nine months' debating tour of the world, and who "will be prepared to make either formal addresses or informal talks upon contemporary American life and problems," and "will be prepared to accept invitations to appear before societies and clubs and radio audiences," the eldest, Benoit McCroskey, is 21 years of age, and his companions, W. E. Hempstead and A. W. Thompson, are both aged 20. They have all, however, distinguished themselves in State and National debating contests.

### "SOME" QUALIFICATIONS!

It was perhaps as well that Stud. Ass. executive decided not to arrange for debating contests from A.U.C., and the team from the University of Oregon. Among the qualifications of the tourists are the following:—

McCroskey: Member of Phi Gamma Delta; president, forensic society of Delta Sigma Rho; senior in Pre-law.

Hempstead: Member of Phi Kappa Psi, and Sigma Delta Chi; vice-president, forensic society of Delta Sigma Rho.

Thompson: Member of Phi Gamma Delta; member Delta Sigma Rho; majoring in Pre-law.

Under the circumstances they must be formidable rivals.

### NEW DEBATING STYLE.

Oregon has apparently provided the world with a new style of debating, judging by a letter received by Stud. Ass. executive recently. The "Oregon

System" is described thus:—The first speaker on each side presents the whole case for his side in a speech of 15 minutes. The first speakers in turn are then questioned for ten minutes each by the second speaker of the opposing side. The questioner is in charge and the answers must be short and definite. The chairman decides disputes regarding the relevancy of questions, completeness and definiteness of answers, etc. The second speaker of each side is then given ten minutes for a "consummation speech," in which he refutes the opposing case and summarises his own.

### ON DIT.

That the last number of "Craccum," edited by Miss W. E. McNickle and Miss G. M. Brierly, was easily the best yet, and that it has set a standard to be striven after in future numbers.

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That the unofficial graduation ceremony was the greatest triumph in the history of A.U.C. students.

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That the credit was principally due to Mr. Absolutely Anonymous, who made the venture possible by paying £21 for the hire of the Town Hall, to Miss W. E. M., whose enthusiasm first set the reluctant wheels in motion, to Mr. A. B. T., producer, who did all the work, and to Mr. J. N. W., who did the rest of the work.

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That the Minister of Education is deeply disappointed that the ceremony did not provide a further excuse for drastic action by the Government to quell disorder among students.

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That those who organised the show are least able to understand their amazing success.

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That if someone had flung a tomato during the proceedings American lynching scenes would have resembled a Sunday School picnic by comparison.



That the man who offered to guarantee the good behaviour of a student procession was as rash as the man who knocked the ashes out of his pipe into a powder barrel.

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That the Council never did the students a greater kindness than when it decided not to hold a capping ceremony.

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That Bobbie makes the world's best registrar, though his hair might with advantage be a little redder; that his "You can't eat your soap and have your bath too" was alone worth a year's salary.

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That the disgraceful and disorderly behaviour of the great crowd of students at the capping ceremony has shocked public opinion throughout the length and breadth of the Dominion.

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That a certain persimmon, mis-called a tomato, has achieved everlasting fame, and will go down to history among the archives of the New Zealand Government, whose attention was officially directed to its brief but destructive career.

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That the modern student's capacity for absorbing learned discourses is amazing; that, for example, the Presidential address of the Chemical Society recently lapsed for want of a quorum.

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That Tr—n—ng C—ll—ge men have adopted as their slogan the reverse of the motto, "Deeds not Words" in honouring graduates.

### INTER-FACULTY DEBATE.

#### A GOOD EXAMPLE.

Great interest was taken by members of Stud. Ass. Executive in the annual inter-faculty debate. Dave of course could not be expected to come along after his excellent work the previous night, as he is shortly to join the ranks of the benedicts and has not much time left for a few nights

out with the "bhoys." Ernie was chosen to represent Science and Engineering, but he refused on principle to debate against a woman speaker, and was seen leaving the College shortly before 8 p.m. Norman L., of course, is too superior to come along to an amateur affair like this. Norman A. was too busy collecting the hoods which he had hired to graduates at a usurious rate. Arch. was conducting a prayer meeting of Mansionites. Keith is apparently on an extended tour of distant parts as we have not seen him round College this term. Trev. went home for a sleep after his strenuous efforts the night before. Pos. was so disgusted at seeing what happened to a good handle at the Town Hall that he refused to come along, and he and Sno. held a meeting of the Finance Sub-committee of the Unofficial Graduation Ceremony Committee. The meeting consisted principally of the spare treasurer, the spare treasurer, and the spare treasurer.

Good old Guy, emulating the "Bachelor Daddy," was there alone to take a maternal interest in the Training College representatives (they needed it)—also perhaps to take a non-fraternal interest in the Arts representatives.

Kath. was last seen observing the eclipse of the moon in its darkest stages. Jean is alleged to have been receiving instructions for young basketball players from Bob H—y. Lucy was also enjoying the eclipse of the moon, and at the same time she was being coached at the hands of that well-known hockey enthusiast, dear old A.B. Marion was busy on schemes for the improvement of College dances. She says she wants to discourage a practice which is becoming far too prevalent—a moonless night, a motor-car, a girl—(censored, Ed.).

### TOURNAMENT PHOTO-GRAPHS.

Photographs of the Tournament group are now available in the College Library.

### MORE AUCKLAND LETTERS.

#### PHYLLIS TO DOREEN.

Doreen, My Dear,—

Your letter was a God-send. I had really begun to think you had forgotten me. Hoped to see you at Grad. Ball, but somehow in the rush I hadn't time to do more than say "Hello!"

I had a mar-vellous time; but then Betty wasn't there. Arnold. Jack, and Doc. all said that they thought someone else . . . But I never take any notice of them.

Weren't the dresses scrummy? I think I liked Gwen's as well as most, but I wouldn't tell her for worlds. And the graduates were stunning. One of them told me how to get good marks in French, but I don't think a girl would stand much chance—especially as I wore my hat to lecture one day. Then another, the tall one from T.C. (his initial is M.), told me the most beautiful things. He became so poetic that I took him for an ice cream. I was to have danced with Eddie, but he had to leave early—I think to write a letter on conduct at College dances.

Didn't Trevor enjoy himself? Of course, he was too busy to dance with me. I loved Kath's speech and the demure way in which Marion snuggled into her chair as though she was glad she wasn't the melon.

Max. seemed to enjoy himself; so did Carl. Carl's rather a dear in his own way, and they say he's terribly clever. Isn't it a pity?

I danced with—you'll never guess—with the Registrar. I didn't take **him** for an ice cream.

Weren't the song practices fun? I really went to see if any-boy'd ask me to go to Grad., and I wasn't disappointed, either. I stood on one of the men's mouldy old Chesterfields and got growled at fearfully. Some men are the limit!

That reminds me of the "Prize Giving" in the Town Hall. Wasn't there a crowd? I saw Doug, but only for a minute. He was ushering and I had to sit



with Isobel. Nigel was there, too, but he didn't see me. The bouquets were heavenly, but I'm sure Winnie didn't get all those from the House Committee. Dave looked stunning. What a pity he's going to be married so soon. That's always my luck—it was the same with Arch. **Y** nope Ernie won't follow suit.

Oh! my Dear! What **did** you think of Olive's dying swan! Really it was too celestial for words. She's a trick. They tell me she's developed a crush on one of the staff. I don't believe it!

I didn't go to the Interfac' debate. I shudder to think what Len will say. Ruth was there, naturally, and spoke; but I don't know whether she was meant to do so. I'd have gone if I'd known Carl was to be there; but Jean wouldn't go, so I couldn't, and really I didn't want to, so I didn't.

I must tear now, but I've something really funny to tell you when I see you at Maths. on Tuesday.

Thine own,

PHYLLIS.

P.S.—I still think it **was**.

P.P.S.—My dear, have you heard about the social Tr—n—ng C—ll—ge gave in honour of its graduates. I believe it was a perfect scream! All the girl graduates—guests of honour of the evening, mind you—were left to decorate the walls for the first two dances without any of the gentlemen (?) even looking their way, and you know Jean and Gladys are always rushed when they go to dances, aren't they? But then C—ll men—what else could you expect? I believe it is the joke of the year! And then when the men did deign to notice them the girls were so furious they wouldn't dance at all. Gwen has counted eight that she refused, which should be some small satisfaction to her, but, my dear, I believe the expression on Keith's face was simply wonderful when she turned him down flat! Have you noticed, cherie,

that Jock's perfectly stunning little mo is nearly gone, but then I could hardly imagine a dying swan with a seven-a-side, could you? More anon.

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### HORACE TO ALGERNON.

Greetings Algernon,—

I had a great time at the Grad. Ball, and knowing how you appreciated Doreen's letter I shall let you know the ins-and-outs and current happenings of that cheery function, so that you can imagine you were there in spirit, or in spirits, which ever you prefer.

I had reason to suspect that business in the Committee Room was very brisk on imported supplies, and "After Six—" I found the clue to it when I saw Whistlepaite wander through the front entrance concealing something under a voluminous gown; hot on the scent, I followed him, and ended up by paying my respects to the Secretary in the time-honoured custom.

The Ball itself was a great success, and went off without a hitch except for the fact that the orchestra started thirty minutes late, and was rather weary—no spirits I presume. No pencils were provided with the programmes; not a serious matter as far as I was concerned, as I always take a pencil whenever I go to "a fifteen bob a double turn-out."

An escort to one of the chaperones did not look too pleased with himself: He thought that the chaperone's complimentary ticket was a double one, and had to shell out for himself, poor blighter. He was not the only one had. When one comes to consider the matter the Ball Committee had a great many things to think about, and under the circumstances such a "faux pas" was excusable.

Max, with the toniest of the new-season's silk facings was there with the usual. Buster was there with knobs on, and the very latest in Marcel waves and bow-

ties. He told me that he intended to surprise us all with a new yodel at the Law Ball, as hyena laughs are out. "Side-boards" are still worn, becoming Dave wonderfully, so Miss A— thinks. Black ties with white edges and vice-versa, were not worn except in one case, a sure indication of the trend of men's fashions for this season. Truly a little education is a wonderful thing. Jack A— attempted to set a new fashion and over-ride the conventions of centuries by wearing the latest in light-coloured sox. L— an erstwhile secretary, must have joined Kemp's Collar Club. He wears the pointed butterfly now—much lower on the neck. Arnold was there as usual, and caused a sensation by wearing a dinner jacket with "Eddie Horton" waist. So ultra chic—demi-monde, I might say. He looks very distinguished in his new hat, reminding me of Forge Gowld's advertisement of the College tower.

Cherrio,

HORACE.

### SIGHTS WORTH SEEING.

The recent Capping Ceremony brought to light some wonderful pictures. There are one or two other sights we should like to see in College:—

1. The President of College Council singing the Frothblowers' National Anthem.
2. A Professor dressed like a Zulu.
3. The Carnival Business Manager at a loss for a word.
4. The "Kiwi" editor with a moustache.
5. The sub-ed. in kilts.
6. Dave's receipt for last "Craccum."
7. Winnie Mac as a C.U. member.
8. A crowded Debating Society meeting.
9. Things the College cloisters see at a College dance.
10. Max with his trousers pressed.



## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

## BARRACKERS WANTED.

Sir,—What happens to A.U.C. students on Saturday afternoons? Some of course play football, some hockey, and some basketball. But what happens to the rest? A few, a very few, loyally turn out to barrack for their College teams. As for the others, it seems that they shut themselves up in their rooms and bury themselves in their books. Horrible thought; enough to make an iceberg shudder! At other centres the College teams can rely on a small army of barrackers to support and encourage them each Saturday. Both men and women students turn out en bloc to cheer. Why not Auckland? Have none of our non-playing students sufficient interest, or sufficient energy to organise parties to attend our important matches? Have our students not sufficient interest to attend without being organised? We have some excellent hakas, but apparently we use them only at tournament which is held in Auckland only once in four years. Why let them go to waste?

## FULLBACK.

## ADVERTISING OURSELVES.

Sir,—Allow me once again to unburden my soul. I wonder if students realise that they have stumbled upon a very powerful means of advertising their College? The uses of advertisement are reputed to be very sweet and the recent "Graduation Ceremony" has done more to give the students a good name than all the wordy wisdom of the Unionists. I do not think that such a bright gathering could have been run by a union, especially with the promoters of that wonderful scheme in charge of affairs. It is through the students that the College will reach the hearts (and the pockets) of the public, and I am optimistic enough to believe that real public support will be forthcoming when the students as a body can show that **they** have some interest in the life of their

city. To raise one hundred pounds for charity in one night was no mean achievement. What could not be done by a big public appeal for charity—perhaps, let it be whispered—by a capping procession! The time to make plans is now. Let us not worry about a Union when we have all the union we want. With organisation much can be done—do it.

## MOTHER OF TWELVE GRADUATES.

## GOVERNMENT AND STUDENTS.

Sir,—Because some student, presumably drunk, was irresponsible enough to throw a persimmon in a public meeting the Minister of Education sees fit to write in all seriousness, to a public body, the Council of Victoria University College in the following terms:—"It seems to be felt in some quarters that the Government should take action in the matter. My own opinion is, however, . . . . "Was there ever such absurdity, such insanity? Dean Swift himself could scarcely have conceived an idea more idiotic than that the Government should deal seriously with such a matter, or even that a Minister of Education should condescend to notice it.

## GULLIVER.

Sir,—I wish to enter an emphatic protest against the inaction of the Government in regard to the tomato-throwing incident. The Minister of Education says: "It seems to be felt in some quarters that the Government should take action in the matter." Yet, although the matter has evidently come officially under the notice of the Government, the Minister weakly suggests that the Professorial Boards of the various Colleges should be left to deal with such details. This suggestion I regard as preposterous. The plain duty of the Government was to have called out the troops immediately. If a few hundred students had been shot at once such decisive action would have eliminated for ever the possibility of any recurrence of the incident in the future.

## DISCIPLINE.

## THE PLAYING AREA.

Sir,—In view of the muddy state of the lighted playing area, would it not be advisable to reserve it for the football and men's hockey teams? The field will not stand much play this season so its use should be limited to the clubs whose teams come more prominently before the eye of the public.

## COMMON SENSE.

## DANCE NOTICES.

Sir,—I would like to draw your attention to a notice advertising a certain dance, and displayed in a prominent position in the Students' Block. Students are asked to obtain "invites," and besides subscriptions for ladies' and double tickets, there are subscriptions for "gents." It is a pity that an otherwise really excellent notice is marred by such glaring atrocities. Such a lack of taste on the part of a College society is deplorable. Let us hope that it will not occur again.

## PURIST.

## "BOYETTES" AND "GIRLETTES."

The "Boyette" was increasingly prevalent last Easter at southern resorts in Britain where a year ago one saw only occasional specimens of this very latest type of the young emancipated female. Dozens have made their appearance during the holiday. The boyette not only crops her hair close like a boy, but she dresses in every way as a boy. One thing that betrays here is that she cannot manage her cigarette like a boy.—(New Zealand Herald).

Rumour has it that the "Girlette" has made his appearance at "The Mansions." In fact dozens were seen one evening recently. The girlette not only wears gym. dresses like a girl, but he paints and powders in every way like a girl. One thing that betrays him is that he cannot play basketball like a girl. (The score was 29 to 14, or thereabouts.)



## CORRESPONDENCE COLUMN.

Fruitgrower.—Yes, facial fungus or moss is very prevalent this year, but it is not believed to do any great harm, and is even regarded by some as an adornment. Spraying is not recommended. The best method of removal is the application of a sharp razor six or seven times a week, until the growth ceases to appear.

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T. C. Fresher.—No, the rumour you have heard to the effect that your 30s. fee goes towards a fund to build a new university that will not be "so far away from Training College" is not correct. We have it on very good authority that some of it actually is expended on suppers. Of course, you see, sardines are very dear this year, with the fishermen's strike and everything, and you simply cannot get cakes for less than 1s. 6d. a dozen; again, a bottle of lime juice does not go very far when you can't put less than half a teaspoonful to a glass. With a few suppers like that, three or four any way, 30s. per head does not go very far.

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Young Hostess.—No, I assure you it is no longer a breach of etiquette but is quite the thing now in Freeman's Bay, and was tried very successfully the other night at a Grad—n Social at St. Sepulchre's. The idea is to give a party in honour of someone, preferably someone not well acquainted with the company present, and to leave the honoured ones to enjoy the evening by watching the others enjoy themselves. At supper, too, it is not *comme il faut* that anyone should wait on them unless it be one of their own number. Of course, it is ever so much less trouble than the old way and is well worth trying. Just ask any member of the Tr-n-ng C-l-ge Social Committee—they could give some very helpful hints as to how to conduct such an evening.

A.U.C. Fresher.—Yes, C—l Str—b—l is a C—ll man even though he has quite good manners. You might even call him a gentleman! Yes, it is rather puzzling and we quite understand how you could be mistaken! He is rather a curio!

## COLLEGE EPIGRAMS.

A Beauty in arms is worth two in the mind.

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Basketball is the business of women and the pastime of the Mansionites.

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Before you dance with a girl think twice. There's danger in dancing twice without thinking. To dance thrice without thinking is the privilege of an old friend or a new flame.

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Beauty is skin deep—that's why so many 'Varsity women are so thick skinned.

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Beasts are women who talk. Beauty and the beast are nearly always found together.

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Blushes went out of fashion when powder came into its own.

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Buster-cut is like a half-handle—it's not **Eton** and it's not **long**.

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Balls are formal functions at which people pretend to like claret cup and duty dances.

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It takes more than a gym. dress to transform a Mansionite into a gym. girl.

## SO VERY PURE!

The students of Victoria University College are so very, very good, as is shown by the following extracts from a press report of a discussion of a certain historic incident by the V.U.C. Council:—

A Member: Were our students involved?—The Chairman: No.

Mr. A. Fair, K.C., said he

had no doubt that when a report was obtained it would be found that the students of Victoria College had been very well behaved.

(One less erudite than Mr. Fair might have expressed the same sentiment more succinctly thus: "Thank G—, I'm pure!"—Ed.)

## LIST OF FIXTURES.

### Friday, June 24.

Glee Club Concert, College Hall.

Smoke Concert, Men's Common Room, at 8 p.m.

Boxing Classes recommence, 7 p.m.

Engineering and Architectural Society — Lecture by Mr. R. H. Packwood, district engineer of the Public Works Department on the Orakei Deviation and Tunnel.

### Saturday, June 25.

Stud. Ass. Dance, College Hall.

### Tuesday, June 28.

A very special community sing.

### Friday, July 1.

Closing date of Field Club photographic competition.

### Monday, July 4.

Court of Convocation, College Hall, at 8 p.m.

## BOXING CLUB.

The executive of Students' Association recently decided to make a grant of £10 to the Boxing Club to enable it to engage Mr. Donovan as trainer for a year.

It was reported that members of the football club had on more than one occasion made use of the ping-pong room for football practice on nights which had been set aside for boxing practice. Those responsible were members of both Football and Boxing Clubs, who claimed that they had a right to the room for the night. It was decided to inform the Football Club that the practice must cease.

Boxing classes will recommence this evening at seven o'clock, in the ping-pong room, and will be held every Thursday evening.

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