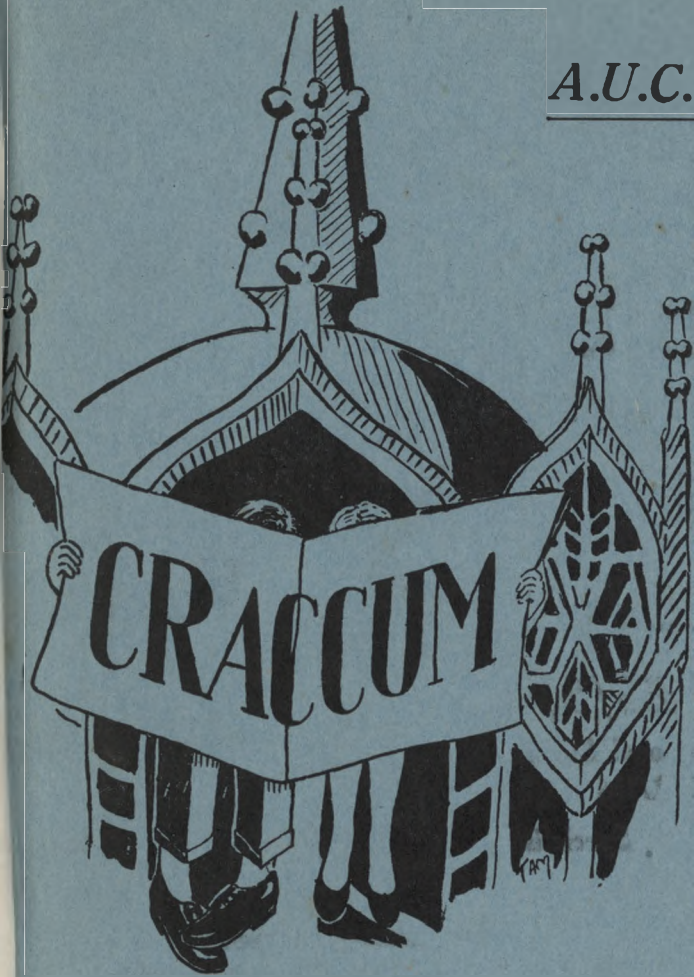


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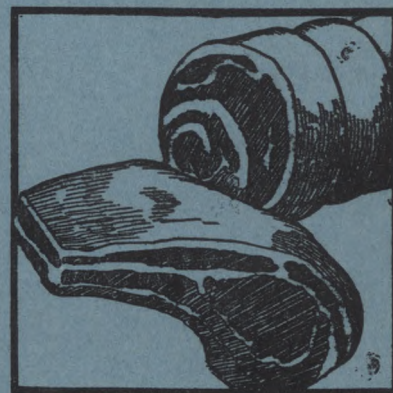
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We are now on the second year of our short, but by no means uneventful, life. In the manner of the approved educationalists we have learned by doing, and are now entering on a growth so healthy that, during the holidays, our stature has increased by four cover pages. We thank those fairy god-fathers and god-mothers who have, by the method peculiar to their species, encouraged us to exert ourselves by threepenny bribes. To these, especially those who have been contributors, and to all our new friends we wish a successful and profitable new University Year.

This year we hope that *Craccum* will prove of great service as a means of keeping the whole student body in contact with the vast number of activities in which its members are engaged. This can only be done if the committees of the various Clubs and Societies will co-operate with *Craccum* by leaving in the *Kiwi* box any information of general interest. *Craccum* is especially desirous of publishing full details of the success of College sports bodies, and committees are very cordially invited to make full use of these pages for publicity purposes. At least one in every three students bought *Craccum* last year, and this year we hope for a still better response. Thus it is obvious when we take into consideration the borrowing habit (which in this case is at least as deplorable as it usually is) it is seen that no better means of boosting club membership could be found.

A special word to Freshers is here in season. You are at present new to everything College. You have just left a Secondary School which in the past has rightly been your throne of scholastic devotion. You are now a member of the most dignified educational institution in your city, the Auckland University College. You expect to receive great benefit at its hands. Dear Fresher, the College and the Students' Association, especially, is expecting great things of you. Now that you are technically one of us, we expect you to be one of us in deed. We feel sure that you will see that College Clubs and Societies need your support. Your old ties should not cause you to forget your new privileges and duties. The Cricket Club, Football Club, Hockey Club, Basketball Club and Tennis Club will all find room for you. If you don't know how to join a club, you will find in the handbook the name of the secretary of the particular club you are seeking. Leave him a note in the letter-rack and watch the notice-board for announcements.

Finally, remember that *Craccum* is your paper and that it exists for the support of your association and is not the special property of the editor. If you have any news and are in doubt whether it is suitable, send it in and buy next *Craccum* and find the answer. Don't harbour your worries, just *Craccum*.

FINANCE OF CLUBS

Under the system existing since the introduction of the consolidated fee, every affiliated club or society is inevitably dependent on a grant from the Students' Association to meet most financial obligations. Each year a Grants Committee is set up to consider the needs of each affiliated club or society. These bodies are required to hand in for consideration their balance-sheets and a budget showing their proposed expenditure for the coming year. From the facts available, the Committee makes its recommendation to the executive and the grants are made.

The financing of these is but one of the many responsibilities of the Association. The upkeep, lighting and cleaning of the Club House, the financing of Tournament and the holding of the Graduation Ball are a few of the many expenses that have to be met. Thus it can easily be seen that once the grants are made the Executive expects to be free to use the resources of the Association in these other activities.

Last year, there were at least two cases where clubs carelessly expended amounts of £10 and £20 beyond their resources and then, when harassed by their unfortunate creditors, asked the Executive to pay the accounts. In order to save the reputation of the Association, arrangements involving the use of money from the general account had to be made. This thoughtlessness—we will let it go at that—on the part of these clubs is unfair to all other College bodies and extremely embarrassing to the Executive. When a society contemplates expenditure beyond its available means, application should first be made to the Executive for assistance before the debt is incurred. In such matters as the entertainment of visiting teams or the producing of special necessary materials, the Executive would, finances permitting, be quite justified in offering additional financial help. When, however, the Association is faced with unexpected debts of £30 just at a time when finances are low, pending the collection of the next consolidated subscription, the time has arrived for drastic action.

At recent meetings of the Executive the matter was discussed and the following policy laid down for future guidance: *No responsibility shall be acknowledged for the debts of clubs where money has been spent in excess of the club's finances without permission first being obtained from the Executive.*

In such circumstances the committees or individuals responsible will have to make their own arrangements without reference to the Executive. In this connection, too, it should be remembered that *the Executive is the only authority that can sanction the spending of Students' Association money.* A signed order, bearing the signature of the President or of the Secretary must accompany all purchases.

A.U.C. Sporting Notes

By "Atalanta."

ATHLETICS

Train! Train! Win Your Athletic Blue. Train! Train!

COLLEGE CHAMPIONSHIPS.

The Annual College Championships will be held within the next fortnight. As many of the club members have been training throughout the holidays, "freshers" are strongly advised to get into immediate training if they desire to make any showing in the contest for Athletic blues.

Attention of freshers is drawn to the contests for both the Staff Cup and Inter-faculty Shield which are held at the annual Champs. The Staff Cup is donated to the individual winning the most points for single events. The Inter-faculty Shield goes to the faculty whose members obtain the most points.

ANNUAL MEETING.

The Annual Meeting of the Athletic Club will take place on Friday, March 9th, at 5.15 p.m. in the Adv. English Room. In view of a probable discussion of policy with regard to the Tournament, we would like the meeting to be as representative as possible.

The agenda paper indicates the following business to be transacted:—

- (a) Report on year's work.
- (b) Election of chairman, committee, club captain and other officers.
- (c) Date of Inter-faculty Meet to be decided.
- (d) Organisation of training for Tournament.
- (e) Passes to permit trainees to use coaching facilities.

TRAINING FACILITIES.

The services of a first-class trainer, Mr. (Taffy) Davis, have, with the kind sanction and financial assistance of the Students' Association, been obtained, and he is present every evening in the Domain at 4 p.m. to coach and massage runners. Conscientious trainees may obtain passes which will admit them to the services of the trainer by applying to G. McLeod, C/o A.U.C. Students' Association Letter Box.

All intending competitors for representative honours are urged to train conscientiously.

TOURNAMENT.

The Inter-Varsity Athletic Tournament will be held in Wellington in 5 weeks' time.

The representatives for this Tournament are chosen by the selection committee from the performances at the College Championships.

Field events is our especial weakness, and anybody with any ability in this direction is strongly urged to train. We will undertake to coach any strong person, who is willing to train to win some of these events.

Last year the Auckland College gained more points in the Varsity Athletic Tournament than it had ever gained before. The club must endeavour to improve on this record at the forthcoming tournament.

NOTES FROM THE TRACK.

Sprinters.—We are without the services of Lance Williams this year, but we hope to see Ray Freeman and J. H. Tetley hard at work again very shortly. Freeman has not run well for some time, but he has been seriously handicapped by illness and we should hear something of him now he is well.

Middle Distances.—This year we are without Harry Frost, but in J. S. Watt and P. C. Minns we have a splendid pair over these distances. It is perhaps early to predict results but J. S. Watt certainly looks a winner at the Easter Tournament.

Distances.—Vallence and Tizard have been hard at work; both of them are bound to produce results this year.

Field Events.—We have seen nothing of K. D. Anderson as yet. Perhaps he is still recuperating after the Xmas vacation. We hope to see him on the track very shortly. J. H. Thompson and G. McLeod have just started training and should be nearly fit at interfaculty.

SWIMMING TOURNAMENT

Various enquiries have lately been made to the Students' Association with the idea of inaugurating an annual College Swimming Tournament. The Association has expressed its sympathy with the idea. All that is now required is the support of the students.

A tentative programme has been drawn up as follows:

Men's	33 $\frac{1}{2}$ yds.	championship.
Women's	33 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	"
Men's	66 $\frac{2}{3}$ "	"
Women's	66 $\frac{2}{3}$ "	"
Men's	220 "	"
Men's	100 "	handicap
Women's	100 "	"
Relay :	Inter-faculty (team of 4 men each to swim 66 $\frac{2}{3}$ yds.).	
Diving :	Neat header; Corfu; etc.	
Relay :	Dual (man and woman, 33 $\frac{1}{2}$ yds. each).	
Breast stroke	championship.	

And such other races as may meet with general acceptance.

This programme will be placed on the notice board and an opportunity given for entering for these races. If the average entry for each race reaches six, the

tournament is almost certain to be held in the very near future.

Watch the notice board to-morrow, Friday, March 9th.

CRICKET CLUB

Craccum's request for information concerning the activities and successes of this club received the following non-committal reply :

ROWING CLUB

As the following information will show, this club was equally proud of its achievements :

TENNIS CLUB

The Tennis Club, which last year was in its infancy, has now definitely taken its place as one of the leading clubs in Auckland. Teams were entered in all grades of the Association's competitions and in every case a commendable showing was made.

In the A Grade the 'Varsity team reached the finals where it was defeated by Remuera after a close and exciting match. Of the two teams in the B Grade, the one taking part in the "play all" competition won every match; the other in the "knock out" competition was defeated by Onehunga in their first match; the matches stood at 5 all and Onehunga won on sets. The C team won two out of four matches played, while the D team lost only one match and that by a single game.

Club competitions will be held early in the First Term. They will probably be played on three successive Saturday afternoons.

Members are again reminded that all must, when on the courts, wear regulation white or cream tennis apparel. There is no subscription but members must pay the Tennis Association levy of two shillings. New members should fill in the entry form obtainable from the secretary.

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Dear Everybody,—

At the commencement of the new session it may not be out of place to draw the attention of students to one or two matters in connection with Students' Association activities. First and foremost, let me plead for co-operation. The executive cannot hope to have knowledge of everything you want done. Will you, therefore, bring to their notice any grievances you may have? We cannot guarantee to agree with your point of view, but it will receive consideration. Let us have your bright idea; it may be useful. In the past, complaints have been made about the administration of the Association, but these have not been made openly. Come to us first—then, if we do not give satisfaction, you will have just cause for complaint.

It has been found in previous years that a few—fortunately only a few—of our best players in sport have no association with College Clubs. This is a lamentable admission. It is obviously the duty and privilege of students to play for 'Varsity. Old boys' teams can have no more claim on College men than primary school old boys' teams would have on secondary school boys. There is ample opportunity here for the gaining of first grade experience for those who will take the trouble to qualify.

In regard to the use of the student quarters, there is room for much improvement. The guinea you so willingly pay is largely spent in making these rooms something more than places to lounge in. Yet for some unaccountable reason the House Committee have a hard row to hoe through the carelessness and something akin to wantonness on the part of a few. The fittings of the Common Room must be replaced by the Association if damage is done, and money spent in this way is not available for encouraging sport. Above all, support the College Dining Hall. If you are not satisfied as regards quantity or quality tell us.

Of course there are always those who regard the College as a night school. They have excuses for this attitude, since there are some in high places who forget that students are necessary in a College. True 'Varsity life is a much broader thing than mere study: you will draw from College life what you put into it with about a hundred per cent. interest. If you give nothing, you will receive nothing.

I would especially plead with older students to assist freshers in finding their way round—not only in regard to study, but by introducing them to College life and College sport. Please help to make this a record year for student activities. Consider my services and those of the executive always at your disposal.

A. B. THOMPSON, *President*.

HALF-YEARLY MEETING

The half-yearly general meeting of the Students' Association will be held on Wednesday, March 21st, at 8 p.m. It is hoped that a social will be arranged to follow this meeting. At this, sports prizes will be presented.

“DISORDERLY STUDENTS”

A Press Association telegram published in local papers on February 16th quotes an extract from a letter written by the Hon. R. A. Wright to the Council of the University of New Zealand. “Recent examples of disorder among University students at public functions and at public places have aroused a good deal of comment.”

From the tone of the discussion that followed it would appear that “recent examples of disorder” is another name for certain unfortunate occurrences in connection with the annual tournament. At the outset, it is only fair to point out that the “public function” was a purely University function which the public were invited to attend if they so desired. Students, at least of this College, did not at any time during the tournament attend and cause disturbances at functions conducted by non-student bodies. Thus it would appear that a certain amount of exaggeration has been indulged in by our Honourable censor.

We, as the home College, do not seek to escape from blame. The tomato, or was it persimmon, episode was a disgraceful exhibition, but in evaluating moral laxity or general irresponsibility of students, is it fair to take this act of not more than two or three unknown persons as indicative of the general level of student decency? It is not too much to say that ninety-nine per cent. at least of College people disapproved of the act, and it is certain that had the offenders been caught they would have been sent to appear before the Professorial Board. There is no need to labour these obvious facts.

The members of the University Council were willing to admit that, in spite of “incidents,” student conduct “was such as not to require disciplinary action.” To the Hon. George Fowlds our thanks are due for his kindly word concerning Aucklanders. This confidence in the modern student is unfortunately not shared by the Minister, who prefers to regard him as a potential social menace—a peculiar attitude it would be seen, for the head of our educational world. He would have students, most of whom have reached the traditional “years of discretion,” severely confined with their books, and, when they have learned in seclusion how to act in public, let loose—each a tailor-made blessing. The sound educational maxim of “learn by doing,” or its application to the present problem, learn how to act in public by appearing in public, apparently does not occur to the Ministerial head of the Department of Education.

This brings to mind another controversy. The local Board of Education was recently asked to censor the Training College Magazine. The editor of the magazine had seen fit to bring before his fellows the injustice of certain conditions affecting students at Training Colleges. The Board, after examining the article, found itself compelled to admit the justice of the article, which was but an accurate account of a position which was unfair to the student and of no credit to the Department.

Incidents such as these where Ministerial and Departmental time and energy are being spent in ferreting out petty heresies, which until recently were left to the

CAPPING CARNIVAL

Those who were fortunate enough to witness the production of “Tilly of Tamaki” in 1925 will be delighted to hear that the same author, who, by the way, is still as anonymous as ever, has written this year’s Capping Extravaganza.

“Tilly in the Town” is a sequel to her illustrious predecessor. Those who have been privileged to see the manuscript are loud in their praises of the play. Three more years in select Remuera society have increased the prejudices of Mrs. Buff-Orpington. Mrs. Fitzweezer has discarded the hula dance and developed a creditable style in Charleston. Mr. Adolphus K. Parker has improved his technique. Winsome Tilly has all the charm of her days at the “Ham and Salad” Inn, and has added to these the more genteel graces of her new station. Last but not least, Annie Rooney is still her own inimitable self. She fortunately has not improved with keeping.

It is hoped that most of the old leaders in the cast will be taking the parts again. The committee has been particularly fortunate in their selection of a producer. Mr. Kenneth Brampton is a man of unusual qualifications. Beginning his stage career in London, he was fortunate enough to be associated with such illustrious artists as H. B. Irving and James Welch. During the last fifteen years he has played in almost every country of any importance. The last few years he has been chiefly engaged by J. C. Williamson Ltd. During a short period he was engaged by the Sydney Little Theatre Society as producer. He is now the producer of those very successful plays produced under the auspices of the Auckland Little Theatre Society.

Unfortunately, even the best producer cannot work without a sufficient cast. Volunteers are urgently required to fill the various parts. If you can sing and can’t act there is a part for you. If you can act and can’t sing there is a part for you. Even if you can just look pretty and dance a little a part will be found. Watch for notices, as a meeting of those interested will be called almost immediately. If you want to get in and avoid the rush, leave a note in the rack addressed to the secretary. State your qualifications, if any, and turn up at the first meeting.

attention of governing bodies closely in touch with and understanding the student mind, are becoming more frequent each year. The problems of under-staffing of colleges and schools, and lack of accommodation are left to solve themselves. Students are beginning to wonder if all is well with education in New Zealand. The student knows he has his faults. Can it be that higher up the scale are other and graver faults?

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The Trustees of the estate of the late Lissie Rathbone, of Waipawa, paid over the sum of £3,000 in 1225 for Entrance Scholarships.

Is this really true?

WHO'S WHO AT UNIVERSITY COLLEGE

THE PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL

The Hon. George Fowlds, C.B.E., completes, in June next, his twelfth year as a member of the College Council and his eighth year as President. *Craccum* therefore voices the opinion of students and congratulates Mr. Fowlds on the distinction with which he has filled his official position. There are few men who could combine so successfully breadth of vision and strong local patriotism. But even more remarkable is the understanding he has shown of the student body. While the College has just cause for pride in the possession of such an able leader, who can grace with dignity positions of responsibility on the controlling boards of the University of New Zealand and the Massey Agricultural College, our happiest memories of the President will always be those associated with his handling of student gatherings. There are few greater tests of personality.

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FRESHERS' WELCOME

The Freshers' annual free evening will be celebrated on Saturday, March 21st. The function will follow the traditional lines of games and dancing, punctuated by supper and speeches. All Freshers are especially invited to come and be entertained free of cost in the College Hall. Identification cards *must* be obtained from the Information Bureau. These are your free-admission tickets. *Don't forget to bring a pencil.*

WELCOME TO WOMEN FRESHERS

The Women's House Committee invites all women students to a Welcome to Women Freshers to be held in the Women's Common Room on Wednesday, March 14th, at 8 p.m. Freshers are especially invited to come and be initiated into the life and ways of the Common Room.

Further particulars will be found on the posters in the Women's Common Room and by the Information Bureau.

THE COLLEGE BULL RING

THIS column has been started in order to obtain from the students each week such "bulls" or stories as they have to relate. The stories need not be original but should have some pretence at being "good ones." Contributions should be addressed to "Toreador," c/o *Craccum* Box.

This week I propose to offer a selection of rather choice mixed metaphors which have been brought to my notice.

The most glorious transgressors in this form of "bull" are of course the Irish.

The "Irish Cyclist" is accredited with having recently published a glorious mix up: "It is practically impossible for those not in the swim to score off their own bat."

A Junior Member of the Irish Bar, in a passionate address to the jury, said: "There is no use in the learned Serjeant's trying to throw dust in your eyes by dragging this red herring across your trail." While an Irish Member of Parliament is said to have accused the Government of "Killing the fatted calf which lays the golden eggs." On another occasion the same member, speaking against a Bill he did not like, said: "Sir, I intend to drive the last nail into the coffin of this unborn babe."

A clergyman is reported to have said: "We often pursue the shadow until the bubble bursts and leaves nothing but the ashes in our hands."

Quite recently the common-room produced the following: "As you butter your bread so you must lie on it." "Let us make hay while the pot boils."

These are all, of course, unintentional mixtures; far more amusing results can be got from the intentional mix up as e.g., "A bird in the hand gathers no moss." "The road to hell is paved with empty bottles" (mostly XXX bottles), and many others which are familiar to most people.

To my mind the choicest mixed metaphor comes from Astley Sterne's collection of farces, "Knotted Yarns." He has among other good ones "It never rains cats, but it pours dogs."

TOREADOR.

THE LEAGUE OF NATIONS LECTURE

On March 8th Mr. H. V. Wilson, Private Secretary to Sir Eric Drummond (the Secretary-General to the League of Nations) will give a lecture on the League of Nations in the College Hall at 8 p.m. Mr. Wilson is in the unique position of being in personal contact with the work of the league, and has particular knowledge of the part played by the Empire. He has with him a short film entitled "The entry of Germany to the League." This will be screened. Mr. Wilson is an ex-Aucklander and a gifted speaker, and it is to be hoped that College people will do the occasion the honour it deserves.

VISITING DEBATING TEAMS

Auckland is to have at least two visits from overseas Universities. In June a team from Bates College, Lewiston, Maine, U.S.A., will arrive to debate the subject of the American Prohibition policy. This should be of particular interest as the elections take place this year. Our visitors come from one of the oldest Universities of a country where debating is taken very seriously. Our representatives will have a very serious task to uphold their reputation.

Further particulars are contained in a letter received recently :

"The general transportation expenses of the debating team have been fully provided for, but it is hoped that hospitality might be furnished locally, as was the case when the University of Sydney debating team visited the United States last year.

"This world tour of debaters from Bates College is a fitting climax to Anglo-American debating which began in June, 1921, with a debate between Bates and the Oxford Union at Oxford, England. The following year, Oxford met Bates in Maine for the first Anglo-American debate on this side of the Atlantic. Every summer since then some American College has been on British soil and every autumn one or more British teams have toured American colleges and universities. In 1925, a second Bates team toured England.

"These exchanges of student opinion between Britain and America have made for mutual good will and understanding. The university men and women of today will become leaders of tomorrow. It is natural that we should wish to learn more of the problems of the sister nations of the far-flung British Commonwealth. The ties of language and culture that bind us are very close.

"Mr. John Daniels, executive secretary of the English-Speaking Union of the United States, and Sir Hugh R. Denison, K.B.E., Commissioner for Australia in the United States, have both expressed themselves in hearty sympathy with the proposed tour and have already aided in the perfecting of our plans.

"As soon as we hear from you, we shall be in a position to mail you our detailed itinerary together with the terminal dates of our visit in New Zealand."

Our second team of visitors will arrive towards the end of the second term. It consists of three undergraduates from the University of Hawaii. They are assisted by the Pan-Pacific Union, and will make a tour of China, Japan, Australia and New Zealand. The object of the tour is to carry a message of goodwill round the Pacific. For this purpose the team will consist of one of each of the following nationalities, Chinese, Japanese and Anglo-Saxon. All debating will be done in English. Further details will be published in *Craccum* as they come to hand.

Our advertisers have made this publication possible. Deal from them whenever you can. Let them know that you are from 'Varsity. It will let them know that we appreciate them, and this will help us in the future.

"KIWI"

This year there will be only one issue of the College magazine. The advent of *Craccum* has taken away from *Kiwi* the burden of chronicling all the minor activities of 'Varsity life. As a recorder of current topics and news of sports clubs, *Craccum*, by its more frequent appearance, has the advantage over its more august contemporary.

This increase in dignity is not an unmixed blessing to the *Kiwi*, much less to the *Kiwi* committee. Space was frequently conveniently filled by a few additional facts on the doings of clubs and societies. Now *Craccum* steps in and publishes these items in advance. There is only one solution to the problem, and that is increased effort among students to produce worthy articles. It is not the duty of the committee to write the magazine. Their job is to edit what is written by contributors.

The magazine will go to press early in the second term. As far as possible, articles should be in by the end of May. Original work of all kinds is wanted. Serious or humorous articles in both prose and poetry are welcome. Good sketches on subjects appropriate to a college magazine will always find a place. In addition to these, it is hoped that students engaged in original research of any kind will, when they find any new atom of truth or interesting sidelight on old facts, let the rest of the College have the benefit of their efforts by writing them up for *Kiwi*. Reviews on books or criticisms of writers, scientific facts of general interest, researches in economic or historical problems; all deserve a place in the official magazine of a University College.

Try to write something whether you be Fresher or a member of the "Old Brigade." Don't worry whether it will be accepted or not. That worry is the privilege of the *Kiwi* Committee.

In an attempt to add dignity to our official magazine, no advertisements will appear in the next issue. The whole style of the production is to be on a more expensive scale. Justify our innovation, first, by writing your article, and secondly, by purchasing a copy when it is published.

INTER-VARSITY TOURNAMENT, 1928

THE Tournament Shield at present held by A.U.C. will be contested next Easter at Wellington. A strong team should be formed at once. As there is now very little time before the tournament, all prospective candidates are strongly urged to start training at once. Representatives will be chosen in tennis, athletics, debating and shooting. Those wishing to be considered should get into touch with the officials of the respective clubs. If in doubt, leave a note in the rack for the Tournament Delegates.

According to Tournament Regulations, this year's freshers are not eligible this year. The handbook will supply further information.

The Easter Tournament offers the only chance for the development of a real corporate spirit between the Colleges. Go, if not as a competitor, as a barracker.

IMPORTANT DATES

- MARCH 8th—Lecture by Mr. H. V. Wilson on the League of Nations to be held in the College Hall at 8 p.m.
- „ 8th—Boxing Carnival at College.
- „ 9th, 5.15 p.m.—Annual Meeting of Athletic Club.
- „ 17th—Freshers' Welcome in the College Hall at 8 p.m.
- „ 21st—Inter-faculty Sports.
- „ 21st, 8 p.m.—Half-yearly meeting of the Students' Association, to be followed by a Social and the Presentation of Prizes won at the Sports.

RUTHLESS RUMOURS

Owing to the threatened decrease in the number of unemployed in 1930, many of those who were employed in finding employment for the unemployed will be unemployed, as there will be no unemployed for whom to find employment.

The unearned increment was recently defined as "The College Fee."

In view of the parched nature of Albert Park, the hose attendants have been equipped with special devices for catching spiders.

An optimist readdressed a letter to a certain Griffiths with the words: "*Try University.*"

A recent advertisement in a local paper bordered on the obvious by making the following appeal: "Wanted for Egg Laying Competition—boy; must be strong." We think the qualification well advised. The same paper a few weeks later eclipsed itself by wanting "Lady help—respectable—sleep out." This, to our limited knowledge of the world, would seem impossible.

Hart Bros. have at last had an opportunity of holding a fire sale of their own.

The fact that 4 into 28 goes 7 has been aptly established by the fact that this New Year has furnished a record in College engagements.

HONI SOIT QUI MAL Y PENSE

Extract from a speech at the Little Theatre Reception:

Prof. Al-e is to speak later on. After that you will be awakened by the strains of "God Save the King."

Judge: (scornfully to barrister well known in dramatic circles): "Ah! There speaks the tragic actor."

Barrister: "One, Your Honour, who dislikes the comedian gaggling in his lines."

Correspondence

AUCKLAND AMATEUR MOTION PICTURE CLUB

Dear Sir,—I enclose for your information a copy of the leaflet just brought out by the Auckland Amateur Motion Picture Club setting forth briefly its aims, objects, etc.

This Club only came into being late in October last, but its membership already borders on 50, so we may safely say that we are well established and not likely to expire without having done anything.

I feel sure that there are many young people who are members of your association who would be extremely interested in this Club and who have perhaps not heard of it or know nothing about it. If you are agreeable, therefore, I would very much like to post a copy of our leaflet to each of your members individually, whom I believe number somewhat over 1000, and would be much obliged if you could let me have a list of their names and addresses.

Possibly as the new University year is about to commence you could let me have a partial list now and a supplementary one including your new members a little later.

We are planning to commence our first production, which is now being put into scenario form, at an early date and there is likely to be some advantage in being one of the first 100 members of the Club.

Thanking you in anticipation of this kindness,

I am, yours faithfully,

R. G. H. MANLEY, *Hon. Secretary.*

[The above letter was received by the Students' Association. It is obviously too much of a task to supply the names and addresses sought for. Students interested are asked to get into communication with Mr. Manley on their own account.—Ed. *Craccum.*]

INCREASED FEES?

Sir,—As a reader of *Craccum* I would suggest that it is time our fortnightly took up the matter of increased fees.

In 1922 the fees in Law were £1 per lecture hour per year and it cost, in fees, about £30 to complete the LL.B. degree. In 1924 the hour lecture fee rose at one leap to 30/- and a mysterious College fee was added for no apparent reason except to get a little more out of the unfortunate student. Thus in the degree mentioned the fees have risen from £30 to about £50. The same state of affairs exists in practically every department.

It might be advanced that an increase in fees will weed out the weaker students. They will give it up as a too expensive luxury. I contend, sir, that the opposite effect is produced. The bursar is not affected; he does not pay fees. He probably has wealthy parents who can afford the extra, as they did when they sent him back to secondary school for an extra year. The paying student is essentially a keen student or he would not pay fees. He is keen and willing to pay. It seems that the attitude of the framers of the schedule has been: "Let us exploit this keenness and get the extra revenue."

I think, sir, that the time has arisen for combined action on the part of the students, in an endeavour to have these iniquitous fees reduced.—I am, etc.,

LL.B.

FELLOWSHIPS OVERSEAS

Dear Sir,—May I draw your attention to the fact that Fellowships mainly overseas are available, from time to time, for Women Students who are members of the New Zealand Federation of University Women?

Further information may be obtained from the Dominion secretary.

If you could insert a notice of this Fellowship in your paper it would help considerably.—Yours, etc.,

EMMA BUCKLEY TURKINGTON, M.D.,
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