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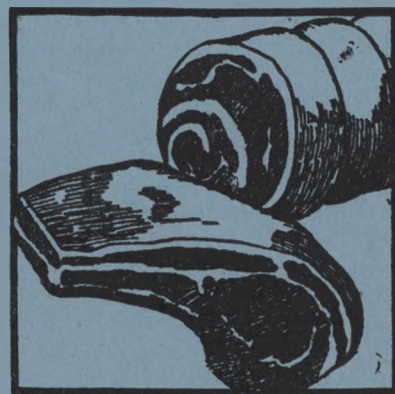
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## PROPOSED ELECTION SCHEME

In view of the vagueness that exists in some minds, and the misapprehension in others, as to the exact meaning and effect of the proposed amendments to the constitution brought forward at the half-yearly General Meeting, an attempt is here made to explain them.

It is proposed to take first the necessity for adopting some better system of electing the officers of the Association than exists at present; secondly, the actual working of the proposed system; and thirdly, how it would cure the defects of the present one.

### *Necessity for New Elective System.*

The Executive under the present system *cannot be truly representative* because at the most only forty per cent of the members record their votes. While, therefore, it is elected by a majority of voters, it may easily represent a small minority of members. This is a serious matter in a body which controls the finances of nearly every branch of student activity and has, in addition, fairly strong disciplinary powers.

Again, it is only by the most felicitous good fortune that the members so elected are suited to the *increasingly specialised work* of the executive. During the last two years what is known as the "portfolio" system has been adopted as a means of dividing up the work required to be covered by the Executive. This, briefly, means that each member is made responsible for one department. For instance, the President attends to external affairs, the Vice Presidents to the House Committees, and so on. The incorporation of this scheme in our constitution forms part of the amendment. Now if one is building a house one must have architects, carpenters, plumbers and electricians. Otherwise, the result is not a house, but a shack, however enthusiastic the workers may be. Similarly, to get the best results on the Executive, the officers should be elected *with a view to the department they are intended to manage.*

Thirdly, even among the forty per cent who exercise their vote, *not one is really in a position to select the best representative.* Not a single student in this college knew *all* the candidates last year so well as to be able to judge accurately of their respective merits, and as the College grows this must be increasingly the case. Indeed, only a very small number knew enough candidates to be sure that those to whom they gave their votes had also their confidence. No method can be devised under the present system whereby a candidate's qualifications can be made known to the electors. It has all the evils of the Parliamentary ballot with none of the saving features, and it lends itself admirably to the operation of false rumours, block voting and "tickets."

### *Operation of New Scheme.*

Each affiliated Club, at its annual General Meeting, would, under the proposed scheme, elect one or more delegates to a Council of Electors. (Provision is made to prevent Clubs exceeding their quota.) Then on the day of the annual General Meeting of the Association the Council would meet under the chairmanship of the new President, who, together with the Vice Presidents, would have been elected by ballot one week before. At this meeting of the Council of Delegates nominations would be discussed and the departments, taken in order, filled from those nominations. Nominations must be in writing, giving the candidate's full name, the department for which he is nominated, and his qualifications therefor. They must be signed either by a delegate or by ten members of the Association. Delegates, of course, are not ipso facto ineligible for election.

### *Advantages of New Scheme.*

In the first place, since every member of the Association is a member of at least one Club, his interests are directly or indirectly represented in the election of officers, and the officers so elected are, in the truest sense of the word, representative. At the same time a premium is put upon interest in College Clubs which should prove a great boon to them.

In the second place, since each member is elected to a department because of his special qualifications therefor, the work of the Executive is not hampered by inexperience or ineptitude.

Thirdly, the element of personal popularity is minimised, block voting and "tickets" are eliminated, and the actual voting is done by those who, while commanding the confidence of every member of the Association, are yet in a position to make an accurate estimate of each candidate's ability.

And lastly, this is no new-fangled unworkable theory. It is practically identical with a system which has worked very successfully at Otago University for many years. Different conditions require a different division into departments, and where this amendment proposes to make affiliated Clubs the unit (for the practical reason that they are the real units under our consolidated fees regulations), in Otago the faculties are the unit.

From the agony column : Last heard of in 919 when he gave the address of G.P.O., Auckland.

—We are not clear as to whether this is B.C. or A.D.

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Gentleman, motoring few days to Wellington, like one or two others.

—Evidently a common type.



## A.U.C. Sporting Notes

### BOXING

The Boxing Club opened its classes on Thursday, March 8th, at 7 p.m., when exhibition bouts were given by the following :

*Willis v. Mayhill.*—This was a good fast bout. Willis used both right and left, but mainly straight lefts to the face.

*Verral v. Manson.*—A fast clean bout, showing a scientific display of boxing.

*Rickard v. Postlewaite.*—Rickard, the more scientific boxer, used left hooks and employed his right well.

*Sims v. Stubbs.*—An interesting bout; Sims going for his man all the time.

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The chairman, Mr. Postlewaite, appealed for greater interest in the sport and explained that those attending classes were getting the best tuition and possibly the same attention as important professional boxers.

Mr. Henry Donovan, our enthusiastic coach, will attend the College every Thursday at 7 p.m., and will help us in every way.

A boxing championship will be held at Otahuhu on Monday 23rd inst., to raise funds for local sport.

The following members have been invited to take part : Messrs. Willis, Jenkin, Mayhill, Rickard, King, and Postlewaite.

Decisions will be given, and the Mayor of Otahuhu will present medals to the winners.

### HOCKEY

#### FIRST FULL PRACTICE 14th APRIL

At the General Meeting of the Hockey Club, held on 15th March, the following officers were elected for this season. President, Professor Grossmann; Club Captain, Mr. D. H. Steen; Hon. Sec., Mr. W. J. Winn; Hon. Treas., Mr. J. Chambers; Committee : Messrs. C. B. Radcliffe, A. D. Brown, T. C. Hay, T. G. Hamilton, H. L. Linton, J. N. Wilson. Delegate to N.Z.U. Hockey Council, Mr. Hill. Delegate to A.H.A., Messrs. Radcliffe, Steen and Wilson. Selection Committee : Messrs. Steen, Radcliffe, and Wilson. Hon. Auditor, Mr. J. E. Carr.

The Committee at its first meeting decided to make application for the use of the lighted area on Thursday evenings for practice, and to provide facilities for stick-work practices between 1 p.m. and 2 p.m. every day. The first full practice will be held at Remuera on Saturday, 14th April. Everyone who is desirous of selection should make a point of being present then. New players especially are requested to attend the mid-day practices in order to gain some idea of the game before Easter.

## TENNIS CHAMPIOSHIPS

### Doubles to Hubble and Turner — Schnackenberg Wins "B" Grade

#### Men's Singles "A" Grade :

Second Round : North beat Nicholson, 3—6, 6—1, 6—4.

Semi-Final : Hubble beat North, 6—3, 7—5.

#### Men's Singles "B" Grade :

Third Round : Smith beat Hume, 6—0, 6—4; Schnackenberg beat McKillop, 6—3, 6—1; Gilmore beat Hobbs, 6—3, 6—2; Newton beat Bullen by default.

Semi-Final : Schnackenberg beat Smith, 6—2, 6—3; Newton beat Gilmore, 6—1, 4—6, 6—3.

Final : Schnackenberg beat Newton, 7—5, 6—3, 6—1.

#### Men's Doubles :

Second Round : Robins and Wilson beat East and Bullen, 6—4, 6—3; Radcliffe and Aubin beat Smith and Wilkinson, 9—7, 7—5; Bowden and Bowden beat Houchen and Jenkin, 6—1, 6—2; Newton and Hume beat Gilmore and G. Turner, 6—3, 6—1; A. Miller and Jenkin beat S. Miller and Schischka, 7—5, 6—8, 6—4; Hardy and North beat La Roche and Herbert by default.

Third Round : Nicholson and Turner beat Robins and Wilson, 6—0, 6—1; Hubble and Turner beat Radcliffe and Aubin, 6—1, 6—2; Newton and Hume beat Bowden and Bowden by default; Hardy and North beat A. Miller and Jenkin, 6—2, 6—2.

Semi-Final : Hubble and Turner beat Nicholson and Turner, 6—4, 8—6; Hardy and North beat Newton and Hume, 6—3, 6—1.

Final : Hubble and Turner beat Hardy and North, 2—6, 1—6, 6—3, 6—2, 6—0.

#### Women's Singles :

First Round : Miss Adams beat Miss Walker, 6—3, 6—2.

Second Round : Miss D. Miller beat Miss Adams, 6—2, 7—5; Miss Mueller beat Miss Batty, 6—4, 6—3; Miss P. Miller beat Miss Clevely, 6—2, 6—1.

#### Women's Doubles :

First Round : Misses Adams and Batty beat Misses Clevely and Gallaher, 4—6, 7—5, 6—3; Misses Miller and Miller beat Misses McIntosh and Bowell, 6—4, 7—5; Misses Knell and Potter beat Misses Anderson and Watson by default.

Second Round : Misses Miller and Miller beat Misses Adams and Batty, 6—4, 6—2; Misses Mueller and Whitelaw beat Misses Knell and Potter, 6—1, 6—1.

#### Combined Doubles :

Second Round : Wilson and Miss McIntosh beat Miller and Miss Batty, 6—1, 6—1.

Semi-Finals : Nicholson and Miss Whitelaw beat Wilson and Miss McIntosh, 6—1, 6—3; Turner and Miss Mueller beat Hardy and Miss P. Miller, 6—4, 6—4.

Final : Nicholson and Miss Whitelaw beat Turner and Miss Mueller, 3—6, 6—3, 6—4.



## FOOTBALL

Present indications point to a very successful season in the Club this year. Among our new members, it is very pleasing to see so many young players from the secondary schools. From these we hope to form a team which will follow in the steps of last year's 3rd Freshers team, which is this year going up to 2nd Grade, practically *en masse*.

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It is almost certain that the season will commence on Saturday, the 28th April. This means that only two Saturdays will be available after Easter for practice, so it behoves all players to do their own bit towards getting fit. Grounds for practice will be advertised and posted at College.

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Application is being made for the use of one of the training sheds for one night a week. With the added open air facilities at Varsity, teams should have every chance to get together on at least one occasion each week.

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Though nothing is yet arranged, it is almost certain that a varsity team will make the Suva trip again this year. This will take place over the second term vacation, and is open to all Varsity players. For information, players should apply to any of the committee, or to the Hon. Sec., Mr. G. L. O'Halloran.

## SWIMMING CLUB

CARNIVAL 24th APRIL

The recently formed Swimming Club promises to be one of the most popular in College. Already its energetic provisional committee (Mr. R. B. Hardy, chairman; Mr. C. J. McLean, secretary; Misses J. McIntosh, L. C. Cranwell and Leitz, and Messrs. G. G. L. McLeod and J. L. Farrell), have made arrangements for a swimming carnival, to be held in the Tepid Baths on Tuesday, April 24. Intending competitors should note that entries close on Thursday, April 5th, and may be made by entering names on the notice of the Carnival. There is no entry fee, but admission to the Baths will be charged at the rate of one shilling each, competitors included.

The New Advertisement :

*Sweeping Tumanity into the Votex,  
Chang.  
In Heaven's Names, what is  
Chang.*

—We suspect it of being a sort of disease of the linotype.

## RALLYING ROUND ROCKE

[Mr. O'Shea is endeavouring to create greater interest amongst non-playing students in the doings of the College teams. He points out that the number of students actually engaged in sport is only a small proportion of the number on the roll, and appeals to those who cannot play to do their bit by barracking. With characteristic acumen his first appeal is directed to the women.—Ed.]

*When you're down a goal or so,  
And a minute still to go,  
It's a help to you to know  
Someone's there.  
So, lady, take your cue,  
Every Saturday at two;  
We'd be champions if we knew  
You'd be there.*

*Rally round the Registrar  
With your shrill, but loud, hurrah !  
Make each player be a star  
Every day.  
Make a date you never miss  
(Save through sheer paralysis)  
To be barracking with 'his  
Man O'Shea.*

*When you rally to his call,  
When you watch the oval ball,  
When you cheer each heavy fall —  
That's his game.  
'Cause he knows that if there's not  
Every male would-be swot  
In attendance on the spot —  
It's a shame !*

Sneaker at the Trial Debate : Our representatives in Parliament are timid because they are afraid of losing their seats.

—We do not approve of this light reference to a very painful operation

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Another Speaker : To me and to most of the authorities on Democracy it is obvious etc, etc.

—Quite so. This conformation of the authorities is most gratifying.

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From the dailies ; A heading—Alewife Fishing. Has Quick Profits.

—Hence the popularity of the bar.

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From the Regent's advertisement : Mammoth Ladies' Diving Contest.

—The Fat Lady simply isn't in it.

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T—— A——, etc. Wife's name R——.

—Another case of identity.



## WHO PINCHED THE PIANO?

"We've been robbed!" cried the Women's House Committee, bursting from their Common Room.

"Confide in me," said the President soothingly. "I'm almost a married man."

"Someone has pick-pocketed the piano," sobbed the W.H.C., "and we suspect the Engineering and Architectural Society, and we're going to see Mr. McLean."

"Permit me," said the President, politely leading the way.

As usual, Mr. McLean was found in the Studio.

"Pray be seated ladies," he said, courteously ignoring the fact that Prof. Knight was in the middle of a lecture.

"Where have you hidden our piano?" they demanded sternly. "We have just cause to suspect, and do suspect, that you have it up here, concealed under drapings, disguised as an equestrian statue. Produce it, or" (here their indignation got the better of them) "we'll tear your hair, Fatty McLean."

Now in the corner of the Studio was *something*, covered with mysterious drapings, and thither the W.H.C. and the President darted suspicious glances. Thoroughly frightened, Mr. McLean lost his head, and, rushing to that corner, pulled the draperies away. The W.H.C. stared horrified, blushed, shrieked, and fled. The President, being of sterner stuff, stood his ground. After all, as he himself said, he was a nearly married man.

True? Of course not. But it's as near to the truth as you're ever likely to get, so stop asking questions.

## FRESHERS' WELCOME

Following last year's precedent, Freshers' Welcome was held at College on Saturday, 17th March.

Over two hundred Freshers were entertained. They were officially welcomed by Mr. Kenneth Mackenzie (on behalf of the College Council), Professor Walker (on behalf of the Professorial Board), and the President of the Students' Association, Mr. A. B. Thompson (on behalf of the students). The songs sung by Messrs. R. Monteith and A. Fryer-Raisher, and the one-act play, "The Grand Cham's Diamond," presented by the Literary Club, were very well received. After supper dancing continued until 11.30 p.m. It is a pity that the very ingenious attempt to remedy the crowding in the hall by relaying the music to the Law Lecture Room did not meet with the success that it deserved.

It is stated that although there were twice as many Freshers present this year as there were last year, the loss to the Association will again be under £3. The Social Committee is to be complimented on the excellent running of an enjoyable function.

*Have you written that article for next "Craccum" yet.*

## TOURNAMENT

### THIS YEAR'S REPRESENTATIVES

The Tournament delegates announce the following team to represent us at Wellington at Easter. The team leaves by the 7.45 p.m. train on Thursday, 5th April, and it is hoped that several hundred students will be on the station to give them a characteristic send-off.

**TENNIS** : Men's Singles, A. Stedman, K. A. North; Women's Singles, Misses M. Miller, E. Miller; Men's Doubles, North and Hardy, Stedman and Stedman; Women's Doubles, Misses M. and E. Miller, Misses Whitelaw and Mueller; Combined Doubles, A. C. Stedman and Miss Whitelaw, R. B. Hardy and Miss M. Miller.

**BASKETBALL** : Misses Adams, McIntosh, Wann, M. Miller, Mueller, Gallaher, Stehr, Leonard, Wigmore.

**ATHLETICS** : 100 yards, Couper, Minns; 220 yards, Minns, Couper; 440 yards, McLeod, Watt; 880 yards, Watt, Gilchrist; one mile, Witten, Gilchrist; three miles, Tizard, Vallance; 120-yard hurdles, N. H. Patterson; 440-yard hurdles, McLeod; shot put, J. H. Jenkin; throwing hammer, J. H. Jenkin; long jump, Tetley, Couper; high jump, W. H. Thomson; one-mile walk, no entry; relay, Watt, McLeod, Minns, Couper.

**BOXING** : Heavy, G. N. Frear; middle, R. B. Moorhouse; welter, N. C. Jenkin; light, A. Mayhill; feather, V. C. Rickard; bantam, V. C. Rickard.

**DEBATE** : R. W. Towers and E. E. Bailey.

**SHOOTING** : A. G. Lowe, L. H. Heslop, K. J. Duncan, G. E. Watt, P. C. Griffiths, R. L. Munro, I. D. Syminton, Simpson.

GOOD LUCK TO THEM!

## THE DICTATOR

(TO R.H.B.)

*I'm fed up with wowsers,  
And grouzers,  
In trousers,  
And poor irresponsible fools  
With tongues epileptic,  
Brains septic,  
Or dyspeptic,  
Who should be in primary schools.*

*But give me sleek thinkers  
(In blinkers)  
Or drinkers,  
Who'll agree with whatever I say.  
And I will demean me  
Like Heeney,  
Mussolini,  
And stash whoso stands in my way.  
R.I.P.*



## Correspondence

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## GRATITUDE TO THE GALLERY

Sir,—At the Freshers' Debate I was horrified to observe how some persons on the stage systematically heckled the good-natured gentlemen in the gallery and showed an utter lack of appreciation of their exquisite and subtle humour.

Can these persons really not see that, when people come out onto the stage in confident expectation of being shouted down, it would be worse than inconsiderate to disappoint them by letting anything they said be heard? It is unfortunate that the gentlemen who obliged with songs were never properly thanked, and that the gentleman who came provided with a garland for his favourite speaker should have been so much overcome by modesty in the face of her brilliance as to be unable to present it in person. But it seems unfair in the extreme that some persons should have attributed his non-appearance to shame. What shame can possibly attach to the honourable presentation of a graceful tribute?

One must feel that these gentlemen in the gallery showed a beautiful spirit, and went to serious trouble to amuse and entertain those ingrates on the stage, and my only regret is that by their speaking (?) all at once, many of their more witty remarks were lost to their audience. Not so their most humorous noises, and what is more, the party succeeded in giving to Freshers a real insight into the College spirit of which we are so justly proud.—I am, etc.,

ANIMAL LOVER.

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## SAVE THE WOMEN AND CHILDREN

Sir,—On behalf of the freshers of the College I would like to thank the Men's House Committee for their firm stand with regard to the Engineering and Architectural Society's smoke concert.

The House Committee's chief objection to a wet smoko was that it was too early in the year for freshers to be offered beer but that a request would be considered more favourably in the second term.

It would seem that the freshers' morals, pure at present, will be so corrupted by a term at the University that beer will no longer harm them. I am not a fresher but I am sure that they are grateful for being allowed to remain uncorrupted for at least one term.—I am, etc.,

PUSSYFOOT

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## RECEIVED WITH THANKS

Sir,—We read with interest your article re "The College Grouser" in the last issue of *Craccum*.

By your fiery language we were deeply stirred, and felt constrained to inform you that there are at least two people in College who are absolutely satisfied with everything.

We like the Sports Club, and the arrangements made by them. We thoroughly enjoy lectures, though this must not be taken as an admission of belonging to that much-to-be-despised species of animal—the "swot." We like the Cafeteria, and, in short, we like and approve of everything in and about College.

When first we entered the noble precincts of this College, hallowed with many memories, we were reserved (shy, one might say). Soon, however, the warmth and brightness of all around us thawed the ice that locked our hearts, and it was quite melted away by "Freshers' Welcome."

Hoping that this missive will cheer you on your hard and thorny path.—We are, etc.,

TWO FRESHERS.

P.S.—Since writing the above we have received cause for our first complaint, a very slight one—the haricot beans recently supplied to us in the Cafeteria.

[We gather that the beans referred to were has beens.—Ed.]

## TRIAL DEBATE

## TOWERS AND BAILEY SELECTED

The best field that it has been our privilege to see (or hear) entered this year for the Trial Debate. Eleven candidates presented themselves, and the resulting debate, on the subject, "That Modern Democracy Has Failed," was keen and interesting.

The speakers faced a large and by no means quiet audience, whose barracking and interjections were well above the usual standard, but acquitted themselves well and refused to be disconcerted. Judging by the length of the judges' retirement, the selection was a difficult matter. Their final placing was in the following order: Mr. Shearer (ineligible for Tournament), Mr. Towers, Mr. Bailey, Mr. Simpson, Messrs. Straubel and Wills (equal), Mr. Usher. Also spoke—the others.

Mr. R. W. Towers and Mr. Bailey are therefore our debating representatives this Easter. We wish them success.

Mr. Towers delivered a very fine speech, excellently reasoned, and rising at times to oratory. Ever since his arrival at College, Mr. Towers has shown his interest in debating and is, in fact, ex-secretary of the Debating Society. His selection is therefore all the more popular.

Mr. Bailey was one of our last year's candidates for the Rhodes Scholarship. He is a Law man and is Senior Scholar in Contracts and Torts. He has an exceptionally good delivery and a very pleasing manner, while his arguments are sound and well presented.



## HOMELY MORALISING ON A RECENT DISTRESSING INCIDENT

(By MAEVIUS)

The student who would wish to guide  
His life by rules, which, well applied,  
Will place him on the sunny side  
Of Professorial favour,  
Should first of all attempt to get  
Some simple book of etiquette,  
In which will certainly be met  
The ethics of behaviour.

He'll learn that when impassioned gents  
Ascend to heights of eloquence,  
And subtly mingle sound with sense  
In a Tournament debate,  
It's very wrong to try to check  
Some forensic Melchizedek  
By neatly landing on his neck  
A persimmon, or a date.

And even less adhesive fruits,  
Tomatoes, or some kindred roots,  
When introduced in these disputes,  
Are never well received.  
But battered orators arise,  
Who, wiping egg-yolk from their eyes,  
And uttering loud profanities,  
Are very properly peeved.

And hoary-headed graduates  
No longer may be crowned in state,  
As erstwhile was their happy fate,  
But in proper seclusion;  
While men of ministerial might,  
Reflecting on this shocking sight,  
Declare: "Such doings are not Wright;  
In fact, evoke confusion."

And learned Councils tear their hair,  
Professors frown and cry: "Beware!"  
And Parliament exudes hot air  
And starts a great farrago.  
So, when next orators orate,  
If you should wish to demonstrate  
The folly of the things they state,  
Don't say it with tomatoes.

## THE MURMURINGS OF MELISANDE

Well, *darling* Toots, it beats me why you went to silly old Dunedin, for here's much more *thrilling*, what with the profs and men, and *everything*; and oh! I met one the other day—such a *thrill*, my dear. You know when we were at school last year, we used to think what *lovely* times we'd have at Varsity, and you said you'd seen a *cute* fair-haired one, but of course you always did have such *frightful* taste, what with going to Howe Street. Well, some of them have got babies, though they call them *prams*; a car, I mean, my dear. And I really don't see how a girl *can* go to dances without. Suppers are such a crush, and then there's *always* "Dirty Dick's." It's a *thrill*, only of course you'd say how *rough*, what with taxi drivers and cooking steaks. They haven't got one in Dunedin—it's a *mouldy* place for men.

Well, my angel child, that reminds me you want to hear all about it, so I'll *simply* have to start; but it's easy, because you remember the way what's her *beastly* name used to rave about some chappie with a name like an A.B.C. and all sorts of Varsity scandal, though I wouldn't call it *that*, though your flame said that "Crackem," or whatever it was, was a *beastly* women's paper. *Check* of the man I thought, hadn't the true spirit. You *remember* Doreen and Phyllisses' letters in it? Well, *darling* Toots, they've got engaged *all together*. She's that fair *fluffy* sort of hair, and he's a captain or *something*. I mean the other one. Such a *thrill*. And there's Jean and Buster; they've gone and done it too, though not *together*. And Jean was at Commerce Ball and looked *divinely* happy. He must have *wonderful* eyes, though it's funny the way things happen—what with mumps last year, and measles and flu the year before. They go in waves, *epizootic* or something—you never know what's going to be the *fashion* next. And then the Ball was such a scream, what with *everybody* going with somebody else's partner. And I want an athlete. I simply dote on big *strong* men, but I'll probably do all right at Tournament. Well, Toots *darling*, I'll simply have to tear myself away, because I've got a meet on. Oh, Toots! you don't *know* him, it's on the back seat of a lecture, and sometimes waits outside.

Emotionally thine,

MEL.

## STUDENTS ASSOCIATION EXECUTIVE

### FURTHER RESIGNATIONS

At the Executive meeting held last Wednesday, resignations were received from Mr. Sholto Black (Kiwi Editor) and Mr. J. Nigel Wilson (Carnival).

Mr. Wilson was re-elected to the Executive as Kiwi Editor. No appointment to the portfolio of Carnival Affairs has yet been made.

## THE WASTE PAPER BASKET

All contributions for *Craccum* must be left in the *Kiwi* box not later than the Saturday preceding publication. They should be written on one side of the paper only.

*Fresher*.—Enjoyed your alphabet. Some of the rhymes were very ingenious. How about something less hackneyed?



## "TILLY COMES TO TOWN"

PROBABLY OPENS 15th MAY

Rehearsals conducted either by the Producer, Mr. Kenneth Brampton, or the Musical Director, Mr. Trevor Sparling, are now in full swing, and so far the results are very promising. A ballet, under the direction of Miss Turner, has already brought to light unsuspected talent among the lady members of the chorus, and by the time the play is ready for production, the standard of the dancing will be very high.

The principal parts have been cast as follows :

Mrs. Buff-Orpington .....	Miss Z. O. Lloyd
Mrs. Fitz-Weezer .....	Miss Buckingham
Master of the Hunt .....	Mr. A. M. Rattray
A. K. Parker .....	Mr. F. Martin
Algernon Splinter .....	Mr. A. G. Lowe
Annie Splinter .....	Mr. W. G. Trevarthen
Tilly .....	Miss B. Nettleton
Lady Poppy .....	Miss H. O'Connor
Squeek .....	Mr. R. Anderson
Herbert .....	Mr. E. Brodie
Freddie Sparklet .....	Mr. B. Hutton
Toggles .....	Mr. Bryce Hart

After Easter it will be necessary to hold three rehearsals a week. The probable nights will be Monday, Tuesday and Thursday.

The Programme Editor is in urgent need of sketches, pithy articles and verse. He also invites quotations for Gradnands. It is proposed not to give quotations unless particularly apt, so make sure that *your* graduand is catered for. The Editor reserves sole rights over the author's Obscure Genius, Anon, etc. Contributions may be left in the *Kiwi* box.

## WRATH

*We've found a little sunbeam, an architect urbane,  
A sure-to-goodness angel-face—the lovable McLean!  
But I wish he wasn't naughty!  
Oh! I hope he won't be naughty!  
For Stud-Ass looks so haughty  
At conduct so unsporty.  
As to 'take a good piano from a common room away,  
And then put it in a hovel, where it wasn't meant to stay.  
A piano, and a good one,  
Oh be sure it never is done—  
Take my word its never done.  
So I think you'd better run,  
For the ladies of the harem will be sure to have their say!*

## SAVAGES AND SCIENCE

Dr. R. W. Firth (in the course of his lecture):

"Anthropology has at least one advantage over the pure sciences. The anthropologist is not compelled to work in a stuffy laboratory with a few test tubes and a crucible, but many lie under a palm tree—"

Voice from audience: "embracing the subject of his researches."

## IN AID OF THE UNEMPLOYED

GUIDES TO OBTAINING WORK

Donations of money to relieve unemployment are, it is felt, of very doubtful economic value. It is far better to go to the root of the trouble and find the unemployed some work. Unfortunately, we have no jobs to offer but we submit, as an alternative, precedents of applications which cannot fail to have the desired effect.

The following is a model highly recommended by an Auckland Girls' College :—

Dear Sir,

I would on behalf of the state qualification of expence of taking a position over the tipping assurance of the typist. My age at present is 24 and would very greatly wish to take the position over. I have been a typist for 4 years or more and will do my best and try and please you.

Yours affectionate, etc.

A model of lucidity and girlish charm.

The post of Private Secretary (lady) should be applied for thus :—

Dear Sir,

In answer to your advertisement in the Auckland "Herald" on the twenty-third of March, I apply for the position of Private Secretary.

I have been trained at the Auckland University for nearly two years, where I had a very good education. After this I spent nearly two more years at Brane's Commercial College, where the education was still better.

I remain, etc.

The following should prove very popular. It is intended for unemployed ex-Training College students.

Dear Sir,

In applying for the position of (state position advertised) as advertised by you, I beg to state my qualifications.

For four years I was a pupil of (state secondary school) where I learnt nothing which would be of use to me in after life. After leaving school I became a Training College student and was trained with a view to making me a teacher. Besides this I learnt how to dance, drink and swear and acquired views on most things in life. To be perfectly frank, however, I have no other trade but teaching and I am now probably too old to learn one. In any event, I have contracted by bond not to engage in any other occupation until I have served five years, but my father says he is willing to pay up if he can only get rid of my loafing presence round the farm.

Yours respectfully, etc.

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## HONGI THE KIWI

By way of celebrating the birth of our Kiwi mascot, successor to Cadwallader of glorious memory, the Tournament Delegates have forwarded the following telegrams :—

Tournament Delegates,

Victoria College, Wellington.

Kiwi christened Hongi. How is Te Rauparaha ?  
A.U.C.

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Tournament Delegates,

Canterbury College, Christchurch.

Kiwi christened Hongi. How is the hen that lays the Easter Eggs ?  
A.U.C.

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Tournament Delegates,

Otago University, Dunedin.

Kiwi christened Hongi. Have you seen Truby King about your Kewpie ?  
A.U.C.

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On referring to their Shrimpton and Mulgan's "History of New Zealand," the gentlemen so addressed will be gratified to learn that Hongi was the northlander who conquered the southerners with great slaughter.

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## LATE-FEE LETTER BOX

Dear Sir,

What has happened to the Procession ? Last year, when we succeeded so well in demonstrating that the students of this College could be trusted to conduct an orderly carnival function in the time-honoured student way, without descending into drunken brawling or destructive anarchy, we were informed that an endeavour would be made to have the Carnival Procession restored. At the time even the City-fathers were amazed at our mildness. The strong posse of policemen provided to quell disorder were reduced to the role of applauding spectators, and maiden ladies, of both sexes, who had come to disapprove, grasped their straight-laced sides in an endeavour to quell their incontrollable enjoyment.

After such a demonstration were we not justified in retaining the highest hopes ? Did not two of our most reputable citizens, His Worship the Mayor, and the Rev. Jasper Calder, pledge themselves to do all in their power to secure the restoration of this privilege ?

What has the Students' Association done to consolidate this advance ?

I would suggest that in this the Executive has shown a lamentable lack of initiative, and should immediately be roused to action.

Four years ago the then Executive permitted, without protest, the imposition of the iniquitous College Fee. Now it seems that history is about to repeat itself, for the University Council has this year decided upon an increase of fees which in some cases amounts to twenty-five per cent. Nor is this all. This insidious inflation has been taking place year by year for the last five years, during which time the fees for some subjects have actually doubled.

This is a matter which vitally affects every student in New Zealand, and if it continues the University will inevitably become a finishing school for the sons and daughters of the rich men of the country, to the exclusion of that leaven of poorer students, which has built up the traditions of the great English and European universities.

Are the students, the only people whom the increase affects, to permit such an undemocratic step to be taken without opposition ?

Time was in the golden age of Universities when a university really was a body of students—for the very word means a corporation of persons, not a group of studies—when the student guilds had the power, and used it, to compel those in apparent authority over them, to act strictly in accordance with their requirements. There was then no endeavour to restrict the advantages of a University by high fees.

Surely the accredited representatives of the student body in New Zealand should signify in no uncertain terms their disapproval of such a step !

I am etc.,

THE GROUSER.







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