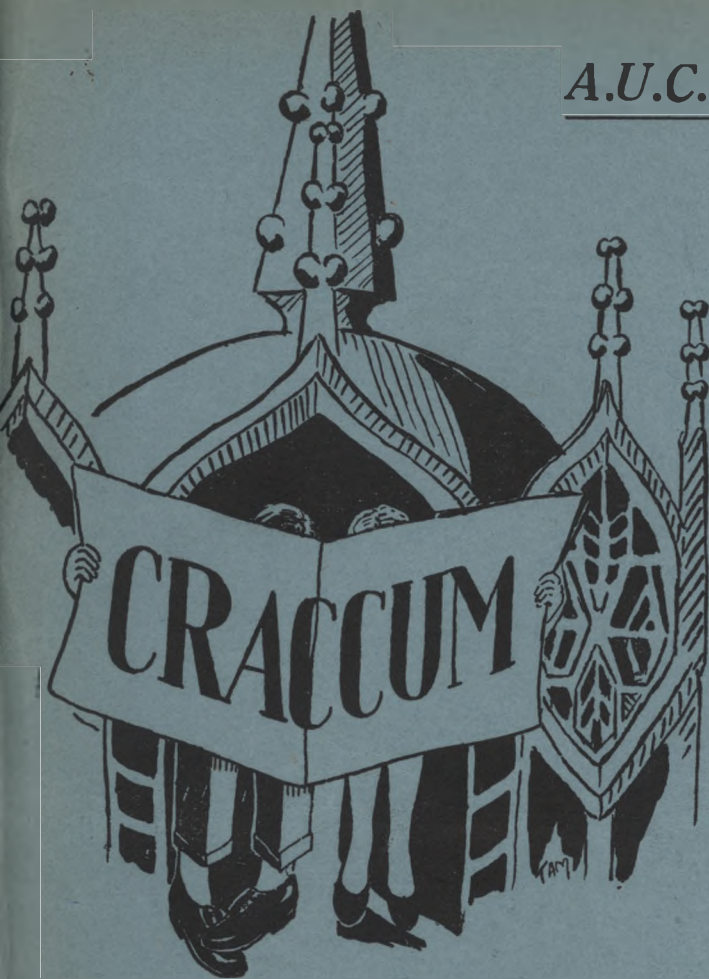


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## MEMBERSHIP OF THE STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION

The article dealing with this subject which appeared in the last issue of *Craccum*, presents a very one-sided view of the matter, and shows a hopeless failure on the part of the writer to appreciate the points at issue.

It was stated that "everyone will probably agree that membership should be limited to bona fide students" and that "it is a well-known fact that a number of people take a few lectures during the year in order to qualify for membership of the Association"; and yet the position is referred to as a "slight" evil! It surely cannot be realised that these so-called students who take a few lectures during one year, thereby qualify for membership of the Students' Association, not only for that year, but for as many subsequent years as they care to join.

It may be difficult to differentiate between people who come to College for sport and those who come primarily for study; but it is certainly not impossible. A regulation, to the effect that no-one, other than a Fresher, who has not kept terms in at least two subjects the previous year may play in a College team, would probably go a long way towards lessening the evil.

Then we have, playing in our so-called "Varsity" teams, people who have attended lectures merely that they will be eligible to play in the annual Tournament, and who have in the course of several years, gained not even one section of a degree. It is time that the students did something to safeguard their own interests; for, in the present state of affairs, the term "Students' Association is a misnomer.

The opinion was advanced that a student who has taken lectures for four or five years without obtaining a degree, but who has attained a prominent position on the Students' Association, is more entitled to continue playing in a Varsity team than is a graduate "who may have taken little or no interest in student affairs." Does "student affairs" imply nothing wider than sport? A University is primarily an educational institution, and the name "Varsity" should not therefore be applied to any team which does not consist entirely of students.

Since anyone taking lectures is forced to join the Students' Association, this Association should be made definitely a *student* body. Not only does a ridiculous situation exist with regard to people who *have* taken lectures (but never "studied") and people who take lectures in, say, one subject, merely to qualify for membership; but there are in College teams people who have *never* taken lectures but have been "elected" to membership of the Students' Association.

The term "bona fide student" has caused a lot of

argument lately; but it is a fact that, however wide an interpretation is put on this term, of the nine members of one team five are certainly *not* bona fide students. Does this look like an indication of a slight evil?

## THE COMING ELECTIONS

Just as for many years the Roman problem exercised the minds of successive Italian Ministries, so the electoral problem has beset successive College executives. That it is a problem, no one will deny. Its warmest supporters admit that it is open to grave abuse; its bitterest opponents allege that it has been gravely abused. Its faults are so manifest that it is rapidly making a farce of the College elections. Nobody, however, has suggested an alternative system, or one that commends itself to the College. Last year a scheme was forwarded under which it was proposed that the members of the College clubs should elect representatives to a College of electors, which would, in its turn, elect the executive. This idea was free from most of the faults which characterise the present system; but yet the electors, fearing perhaps that they were delivering the Government of the College into the hands of a few, with all the attendant evils of an oligarchy, fearful that they themselves would have no actual say in the ultimate selection of the executive, rejected it. It now remains for us to put forward a system which, while acceptable to the College as a whole, will escape the evils of the present system. It seems unnecessary to tamper with the election of the President. There is nothing wrong with that. It is suggested, however, that the elections of the secretary and treasurer should be abolished, and that they should be appointed by the executive, not necessarily from itself. This will ensure that we always have a secretary and a treasurer who are capable of carrying out their onerous duties. The College so far has been blessed with good fortune in the election of its secretary and its treasurer, but there is no reason to suppose that such good fortune will continue for ever. The appointment of the "Kiwi" Editor may be made in the same manner. We have now to deal with the election of members of the executive. The election of the women presents no difficulty. The woman vice-president would be done away with, and the College would elect four women to the executive as at present. The election of the men, however, is a different matter. We are finding with each year that the numbers of men offering for election is becoming greater. To get over this, the College could be divided into five faculty electorates, each of which would elect two members to the executive.



The Faculty of Arts would comprise all those students who were sitting for a degree in Arts, together with those who are studying for a diploma in Education, and a degree in music. The Faculty of Science, besides those taking a degree in Science, would include the dental, medical, agricultural and forestry students. The Faculty of Law would include those taking a Law degree or Law professional course. The Faculty of Engineering would comprise the engineers and the architects, and the Faculty of Commerce, the accountants, bankers, and journalists. Each faculty-electorate would be separate and distinct from every other, except that they would all be units of the one College, and subordinate to it. Each would have its own electoral roll, its own returning officer, and its own polling booth or booths. The Executive would conduct the elections and appoint the returning officers, who would, however, be members of the electorate. At its first meeting the new executive, now comprising fifteen members, would elect a vice-president who may be either man or woman, and appoint a secretary, a treasurer, and a "Kiwi" Editor. It would thus be possible for the executive to number eighteen members or four more than at present.

Now, as regards voting qualifications. The members of the faculty electorates seem to be reasonably clearly defined. The difficulty will arise when it is desired to allocate members of the Students' Association who have paid their subscription, but who are not taking lectures or examinations in the College. To deal with this matter it seems very necessary that a satisfactory definition of the term "bona fide" student should be found. The difficulty could, however, be more or less satisfactorily overcome by permitting these particular persons to choose the faculty to which they desire to be attached. No difficulty would, of course, be placed in the way of those who, for good and sufficient reason, wish to be transferred to another electorate, and those who because they are studying for two degrees, are eligible *prima facie* to vote in more than one electorate, would be required to choose either one or the other. Every one would therefore have one, and only one vote.

It would seem that this scheme would settle, too, the vexed and oft-discussed question of external polling booths. The power to appoint polling booths would still remain with the executive, but it will be readily seen that the executive, since no good object can be served by refusing to grant a polling booth at a place where any particular faculty may desire, will be only too willing to assist the members of the faculty electorates. This also can be said in favour of the scheme, that it will be found to promote that very elusive virtue, "College spirit," possession of which has in the past been limited to a favoured few. It is contended that the tendency will be for the members of each faculty to become united, and the faculties may then be easily bound to the College. There are those who sometimes lose sight of the fact that the faculties are all part of the College, and the College is not the possession of any particular group.

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## TOM, DICK, HARRY AND OTHERS

*versus*

### AUCKLAND UNIVERSITY COLLEGE STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION (Incorp.)

#### WHAT IS A BONA FIDE STUDENT?

*Before Sir Robert Trout.*

This case was resumed to-day, when Mr. A. K. Turner, K.C., cross-examined the witness East with the utmost rigour. The cross-examination lasted for three hours but the witness, for the most part, remained unshaken in his testimony. The conclusion was, however, rather dramatic.

*Mr. Turner :* How, Mr. East, do you consider that a student who has once taken lectures at this College should always be eligible for membership of my client Association?

*Mr. East :* Once a student, always a student, once a scout, always a scout, once a mortgage, always a mortgage, once a Hongi, always a Hongi.

*Mr. Turner (sternly) :* Pull yourself together, Mr. East! Once again, I ask you—

*Mr. East (wildly) :* Always again.

*Mr. Turner :* I propose to get a proper answer from you if I have to double—

*Mr. East :* Double three "no trumps"! Hell's Belles! (Collapsing in witness box.)

Mr. East was then carried out and his place taken by Mr. Schnackenberg.

*Mr. W. :* How would you define a bona fide student, Mr. Schnackenberg?

*Mr. S. :* One who does not drink, smoke or swear.

*Mr. Wilson :* You are an expert on piled foundations, I believe.

*Mr. S. :* I have lectured on them—with moving pictures.

*His Lordship :* The Court is not interested on the witness's private achievements, Mr. Wilson. Kindly keep to the point.

*Mr. W. :* Your Lordship is very good. Is Mr. East a bona fide student, Mr. Schnackenberg?

*Mr. S. :* I do not know Mr. East.

The next witness was Master John McDougall.

*Mr. W. :* What is your idea of a bona fide student?

*Mr. McD. :* One who wears a blue school shirt with the courage of his convictions.

*Mr. W. :* Why do you think that?

*Mr. McD. :* Because he shows his bona fides.

[His Lordship here ordered the Court to be cleared.]

*Mr. W. :* Is there any other mark of the bona fide student?

*Mr. McD. :* Yes, he is a member of the S.C.M.

*His Lordship :* What is the S.C.M.?

*Mr. W. :* Me lud, I am not quite definite on the point, me lud. The expression is not defined either in Stroud's Judicial Dictionary, me lud, nor in Webster. I submit, me lud, that S.C.M. signifies "School Clothes Movement."



*Mr. T.* : As a matter of fact, your Lordship, it signifies "Student Christian Movement."

*Mr. W.* : I thank m' learned friend. Shall I proceed, m' lud?

*His Lordship* : If you please, Mr. Wilson.

*Mr. W.* : Now, Mr. McDougall, do you consider that Mr. East is a bona fide student?

*Mr. McD.* : No. Mr. East *does* wear blue shirts but they are not school shirts. I don't think he is a member of the S.C.M. but, as a matter of fact, I know him very slightly.

Mr. Bernard Wight was the next witness.

*Mr. Wilson* : Well, what is your opinion, Mr. Wight?

*Mr. Wight* : One who lives across the water but has no other use for it.

*Mr. Wilson* : Please be more explicit.

*Mr. Wright* : A bona fide student is one with a good figure, well dressed, and a member of the Hongi Club.

*Mr. Wilson* : I gather from your former remark that a bona fide student is immune from drowning.

*Mr. T.* : I object, your Lordship. (Objection allowed.)

Mr. W. Platts then entered the witness box.

*Mr. W.* : What is your definition of a bona fide student, Mr. Platts?

*Mr. P.* : A blonde.

*Mr. W.* : Do you mean that all bona fide students are—

*Mr. P.* (firmly) : Blondes!

*Mr. W.* : You exclude everyone else?

*Mr. P.* (resolutely) : Blondes only!

*Mr. W.* : Gentlemen prefer—

*Mr. P.* : Blondes.

*Mr. W.* : Is Mr. East a bona fide student?

*Mr. P.* : Yes, he is a blonde.

The last witness called was Mr. M. Rocke O'Shea, a Rotarian.

*Mr. W.* : You hold a position of authority in the University, Mr. O'Shea?

*Mr. O'S.* : Yes, that of Registrar.

*Mr. W.* : Well, Mr. O'Shea, what do you consider constitutes a bona fide student.

*Mr. O'S.* : One who holds the baby.

*Mr. W.* : Am I to understand that matrimony is prevalent amongst bona fide students?

*Mr. T.* : I object, your Lordship!

*Mr. W.* : M' lud, that is a perfectly fair question. There is ample precedent amongst presidents—

*His Lordship* : I have already had cause to rebuke your unseemly punning in my Court, Mr. Wilson. You will not repeat the offence! The objection is allowed. Kindly continue your examination.

*Mr. W.* : I thank your Lordship. Your Lordship is very good. (To witness) Then you consider Mr. East to be a bona fide student?

*Mr. O'S.* : No! You can't eat your bath and have your soap too.

This concluded the case for the plaintiffs. Mr. Turner did not cross-examine and called no witness, but addressed the Court in a speech lasting well over half-an-hour.

His Lordship reserved his decision.

## BONA FIDE STUDENTS DEFINED PROTRACTED LAW CASE CLOSES

### Judgment Somewhat Indefinite

A decision of some importance to the University community was given in the Court today, when Sir Robert Trout delivered reserved judgment in the "Bona Fide Student" case, a part of which was reported in our last issue. The Judge said :

"This was an originating summons brought before this Court by sundry plaintiffs, who sought to bind the defendant Association by a judicial interpretation of the words 'bona fide student.' The plaintiffs endeavoured to prove that the term 'bona fide student,' when used in its proper sense, would not include certain persons, whom they named, who were, for the time being, members of the defendant Association. On this point all the plaintiff's witnesses were tolerably unanimous ; and all stood up to cross-examination unhesitatingly, with the exception of Mr. George Watt (who collapsed in the box), and Mr. East, whose cross-examination by Mr. Turner was eventually stopped after it had proceeded in camera for three hours. But while the plaintiff's witnesses were fairly unanimous in their evidence as to the fact that certain specified persons could not be called 'bona fide students,' they did not maintain their degree of unanimity when asked what did, in fact, constitute a 'bona fide student.' Miss Rapson considered that the term covered only 'a matriculated person bona fide studying for a bona fide degree with reasonable diligence'; while Mr. East (perhaps confusing the matter with the law of mortgages), contended 'once a student always a student.' Between these two extremes of thought the plaintiffs' witnesses arranged themselves in about equal proportions, and I can hardly reconcile the view of Mr. Postlewaite (whose definition was 'any person who has paid his Stud. Ass. fee for the current year') with that of Miss Walker, whose definition of a bona fide student, extending over five sheets of closely written typescript, was handed in by counsel as an exhibit.

"It therefore appears to me that Mr. Wilson, though he has shown to my satisfaction that certain named persons do not come within the definition, has failed to give the Court that constructive assistance which the Court expects in considering a question of this kind. And the reason for this attitude was not obscurely hinted at by Mr. Turner in his address to the Court (for he did not call any evidence) when he said : 'It is impossible for any agreement to be reached on this subject.' Mr. Turner quoted *Imperial Rope Works v. Empire Hemp Company*, in which Mr. Justice Mudd (whose duty it was to give a judicial answer to the question : 'How long is a piece of string ?') said : 'This question is not one which the Court should answer.' The Executive of the defendant Association, after considering the matter for some hours, has failed to arrive at any agreement. And I may say that I find this to be a most sensible decision. Indeed, it is far more sensible than might have been expected, considering the personnel of that body.



"I agree with Mr. Turner that the principle laid down in the *String* case also applies in this one, and that it is not a question which the Court should answer. Leave to appeal will be given to the plaintiffs."

The Judge's decision was received with cheers by a crowd in the Court, and three women students were subsequently arrested by the police.

## AT THE LAW BALL

Dear Robsem,

On pressing invitation from one of the secretaries I attended the Law Ball on the 12th of this month and retired from the function on the 13th. I was much struck by the progress of the legal profession in its social activities, a side of the profession which is becoming more prominent every day. The ball was well attended by an enthusiastic gathering, which reminded me, my dear Robsem, of the intense interest taken in the long debate which occurred in the case of *Squeezer v. Eryclose*. The fair sex present were interesting and attractive, while the dressing seemed to be a repetition of the rather transparent indecision arrived at in *Long v. Shortoffit*. Supper arrangements were satisfactory, being particularly so in my case on account of the secretary.

Of course everybody who was anybody was there, from the Bench to the Bar. Rumour has it that the unknown Mr. East was there but left early, while Mr. Wilson, known for his brilliant examination in *Tom, Dick, Harry and Others v. A.U.C.S.A.*, arrived late owing to circumstances. A notable absentee was Mr. Turner, who is said to have gone into social retirement until the end of the month. It is believed that the responsibilities of his high office are weighing rather heavily on him. The ball secretaries, Messrs. Maxwell Walker and McCarthy, looked at their best, no mean achievement in these times. Among the visitors was included Mr. Bernard Wight, representing the Hongi Club, though it is regretted by some that he did not appear in the Club's regalia. Dr. Andrews was also present at the request of the Committee to watch culinary proceedings, etc. on their behalf. The press was represented by the Editor of "Craccum" in his unofficial capacity.

Both the Committee rooms were well attended and much work was carried out by the Committee, while the hall itself, which was occasionally visited by those present, was attractively lit by high spots and decorated after a unique fashion. The orchestra was there in full force and seemed to get the best of it. Fortunately for them Mr. F. K. Hunt was unable to be present. At the conclusion of the function, when the morning was yet a pup, the throng departed for fresh woods and pastures new, though it is believed that one of the guests was wild with himself.

Well, Robsem, I must say I enjoyed myself, though I wished you had been there, so that you could have seen what the law is capable of.

Yours in bona fide,

I. FULSEM.

## OUR UNBURIED CORPSES

### No. 2. — THE FLEA CLUB

We propose to discuss this week the abovementioned organisation in an endeavour to discover exactly what causes it. In the first place it would be interesting to know exactly what its members have to be gleeful about. To those who hear them, it would seem that glee was hardly the feeling evoking such sounds. Perhaps the idea is something after the style of a tangi, which in this case seems very appropriate.

Another thing which is rather a puzzle, is why it is found necessary for the orchestra to practice apart from the vocalists. If they want to play and sing different tunes at the same time, why not do it at rehearsals, too, and get it perfect. In this respect it is noticed that the orchestra—we give that name for want of a better one—practiced for a time, in the ping-pong room, but has now decided to use other quarters. Perhaps the slightly frivolous atmosphere of the ping-pong room interferes with the players' artistic temperament, or whatever it is that they blame when they go flat.

However, there may yet be time for the orchestra to function. We note in the last issue of "Craccum" an advertisement for more players. This notice has a most astonishing request that the players will "save the piano." Heaven knows that when some alleged musicians get going, the poor thing needs saving; but we wonder if this has anything to do with "women and children first" or if it is only a warning to a certain society, now twins, whose members inhabit a red tin shed or else burn midnight oil with great profusion.

But to give this club its due, it may at some future date provide quite a lot of entertainment at Varsity. The sound of certain so-called tenors endeavouring to sing "f" could only be equalled by the sight of a learned Professor of Music waving his baton triumphantly over the perspiring, but determined, members of the Flea Club Boys' Symphonic Syncopated Jazz Band.

[Next issue: No. 3.—THE DEAD SOC.]

## THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE Students' Association WILL BE HELD ON AUGUST 8th

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MY DEAREST JILL,—

I'm just bubbling over with news of this wonderful place. Oh! you should just meet the thrilling boys here. I know you must be just dying to hear about them, so I'll tell you about some of the best ones. There's one called Jack Cochrat, who is tall and dark, and knows lot of funny stories—only sometimes he won't tell them to the girls. There's another called Cuthbert, who is chaste, only I think he is conceited; and a pretty one, Guy (isn't that ironical?).

One of the students, Roy, always wears a black thing like a dressing gown. I suppose it is to keep him warm. Percy is a dear, only rather shy, and Foxtrott is one of the best looking boys I have ever seen having supper at the grill-rooms.

Schnack is awfully nice, and he doesn't like the boys to drink at smoke concerts, in case they get drunk; so Doc and Nigel promised not to let the young boys like Strat and Poss have much.

Don and Jack have baby mo's like Uncle Eric's. I'm frightened of Jack; he's stern like a cave-man. Doug and Jack are always talking to two girls who are medical students, and Ron and Don always talk to a pretty fair girl, and a snappy ballet dancer; and there is a big boy named Hardy Kneel, who is fearfully cheeky to the smaller boys.

People with most wonderful voices sing in the Glee

Club here. I haven't joined yet, but I shall soon, because a darling boy, Billy, with hair like iron filings on a magnet belongs to it; and, Jill, I just wish you could see the boys dressed to train for football. They look so sweet in their short pants.

You know Val, don't you, Jill? Well, there's a boy with a ripping car who comes up to 'Varsity to see her every day. I think she likes him. Now, love, my secret! I'm terribly infatuated with a wonderful boy who doesn't even know who I am; but I'm sure to meet him at an S.C.M. tea; you see, he is a Divinity Student, and knows all about the Bible, and evolution, and that sort of thing. Isn't it perfectly thrilling? I must go now, Jill, dear, to see who's in the library.

Heaps of love.

Your best friend,

SYLVIA.

## Capping Ceremony

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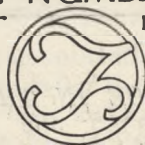
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## SOCRATES AND THE BONA FIDE STUDENT

And so now, said I, since we are gathered together, let us examine in common the bona fide student. For this is, I think, a matter of no little importance, and the discussion should be productive of good to ourselves. So be of good courage and let us proceed. What now, Miss Rapson, is a bona fide student?

If I may speak briefly, said Miss Rapson, a bona fide student is either a graduate or a person taking lectures at a University.

Are any others, said I, bona fide students?

No, said she, these alone.

But tell me, what are the characteristics of a bona fide student?

Such, said she, as show an eager desire for learning; in short, a desire for a degree.

Come, let us consider it, said I, taking a smaller image, and then let us apply it to the greater. You have an eager desire to get into a Senior Basket Ball team?

Yes.

When you have arrived there, the desire will be satisfied and you will no longer harbour it?

I suppose so.

So that when the goal is reached, the desire of attainment, being satisfied, disappears?

Yes.

Now, said I, let us consider the bona fide student in this light, taking the case of the graduate. The graduate has reached the degree desired?

Yes.

Now, if we are to be consistent with what we said before, since the degree is attained, the desire of attainment has disappeared?

Ye-es, it appears so.

But, said I, we said that this desire for attainment marked the bona fide student. Therefore must we not conclude that the graduate, having satisfied this desire, and no longer having it, cannot be a bona fide student?

Well, it appears so.

Now, said I, since we have seen that graduates are not bona fide students, let us consider the second class, persons taking lectures at the University. What is the character of these?

Miss Rapson said she did not know they had characters.

Come now, said I, let us consider a particular type. Do you consider French students typical of the mass?

I suppose so.

Well, what is the character of these during lectures?

Observing them, said she, I noticed that some chattered incessantly, while the majority dozed or slept.

Good, said I, let us consider these two classes; for indeed such conduct is representative of the mass of students. Chattering is the mark of an uncontrollable tongue, is it not?

Surely.

But is not the tongue controlled by the mind?

Yes.

And in these people the mind is too weak to control the tongue?

Exactly.

Now, if the mind cannot master such an inferior thing as a tongue, surely it has enough power to direct thought and attention?

No.

So that these persons, with such minds have no definite aims in life.

No.

So then they cannot harbour a desire for a degree, for their mind is not strong enough?

It seems not.

Therefore, said I, this class does not contain bona fide students.

The argument forbids it, said she.

Well now, said I, let us consider the other class, the "sleepers" as they may be called. The most striking characteristic about them, I presume, is their general sleepiness?

Yes.

What, then, is the cause of sleep? Is it not relaxation of the whole bodily system and of the mind?

Exactly.

This question seems simple, said I. Is not the mark of eager desire an intent mind?

Of course.

And it is not possible for one mind at the same time to be both relaxed and intent?

No, indeed.

So now, these people with the relaxed minds cannot have intent minds, for their condition is one of continuous sleepiness, that is, relaxation.

No, they cannot.

And now, considering this, we may say they cannot entertain eager desires, for to have these an intent mind is necessary, and so cannot harbour a desire for a degree?

Yes.

So these, too, cannot be bona fide students?

It appears so, said Miss Rapson.

It seems, said I, that neither graduates nor students taking lectures at a University can be bona fide students, if we hold to the principles we have developed.

Evidently, said she.

But did we not agree that these alone might be considered to be bona fide students, and no others could even be considered so?

That is true.

So now, said I, it seems, if we have developed our discussion rightly, that there are no bona fide students at all.

It seems so, Socrates, said Miss Rapson.

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## DRINKING PIECE IN THE KEY OF B

When rebuked for a burst of hysteria,  
Some boys in the bob cafeteria

Said, "Gods of the vineyard,  
We'll dine at the 'Wynyard';  
It's bigger and brighter and beerier."



## SERENADE

When my heart sang, it sang me songs of you,  
Exquisite songs; that if I only knew  
Them now, I'd no more need to woo  
With stumbling tongue.

When my heart sang, it did not use the mere  
Unhallowed parts of speech, but words so dear,  
So intimate, I would your heart could hear  
What mine has sung.

When my heart sang, it cull'd a tune so sweet,  
That could I but one tenth of it repeat  
Your heart would come with eager running feet  
To hear it sung.

When my heart sang, Why, sure, that was before  
I lost it quite; so if it sings once more,  
Thief of my heart, O hearken, I implore,  
To what is sung.

M.

## FASHION NOTES

(By 'ERBERT)

That they should appear either entirely in black or entirely in white is the rule for ladies who are being capped. In order that the decorum of this rule of black or white may not be doubted, we would point out that it is by no means an unusual rule. Instances of its application are not far to seek, a notable one being the performance of an oratorio when the lady soloists should always choose an evening frock either of black or of white.

If white is worn, white shoes and stockings should also be worn. Black shoes should accompany a black frock; but, since, in these degenerate days, black stockings are considered *démodé*, stockings of a light shade may be worn—a lamentable concession to lamentable times when a capping ceremony takes place in a college hall and minus a procession. It is needless to point out that, with certain black frocks, black lingerie is eminently desirable.

Last, but by no means least, all ladies should wear gloves suitable to their frocks; and on no account should they remove them during the ceremony.

If any should doubt the authenticity of our remarks, in abject self-defence we refer them to a most useful book dealing with this subject and kindred ones, namely, "Gens à la mode," published in Paris by Mademoiselle D. Ora.

Please note that, although we have mentioned "black or white" in this article, no mention whatsoever has been made of "Black and White."

## Correspondence

## A LAST HOPE

The Editor, "Craceum."

Sir,—Once again we have an outpouring from the soul of Junius Junior which, unlike modern female dress, runs to length with the result that the quality and coherence of the effort suffers. We would suggest that you exercise your editorial pen a little more rigorously on articles submitted by Junius Junior. For example, "I am sure Natus Minimus would be of taking the word . . . ." etc. The insertion of a finite verb here and there is a great help to readers. For the benefit of Junius Junior we would suggest a careful study of Nesfield's English Grammar before he again rushes to print. However, Mr. Editor, let us not disturb him. He is probably composing an epic in verbless verse for next year's Carnival Committee.

This Committee then brings to our mind a highly ingenious composition by R.A.S. His attempts at costing alone should win him the admiration of readers, but it seems more than probable that he knew more about it than he led us to suppose. Was there a traitor on the Committee?

It is curious to note that the reply to this effusion came from rather a warm place. Tacitus, however, might have let us know whether there were any vacancies at No. 2 Heater, as we are agreed that it would be the best locality for Junius Junior and R.A.S. to set up permanent residence. Perhaps a collaboration of these three geniuses would afford us a definition of a bona fide student.—Yours, etc.,

AMUSED.

## STRUTH

The Editor, "Craceum."

Sir,—Having worked for many years among liars and frequently being introduced to more, and being quite unable in every way to get away from them, I am feeling a little afraid I may possibly become a liar myself. Now you, Sir, being an editor, must possess a thorough working knowledge of lies and the art of lying, therefore, please advise me how to avoid falling into this terrible habit of lying. You, yourself, must have avoided it—or—did you?—I am, etc.,

TREPIDATION.

## INSULTED

The Editor, "Craceum."

Sir,—In reply to your correspondent "Eye Witness"; if he means what I think he does, he's wrong. I didn't write it.

BARRISTER-AT-LAW.



## CAPPING CEREMONY IN COLLEGE HALL

The Editor, "Craccum."

Sir,—It is with much surprise I read of the suggestion that the capping ceremony be held in the College Hall. My first thought is as to the size of the Hall. I remember there are close on one hundred officials of our College—Councillors, Registrars, Knights, Cardinals, Doctors, Professors, Librarians, Secretaries, etc. Add to these 50 per cent. supernumeraries,—wives, etc.—and the Hall is half full. What room is left could be conveniently filled by Graduates of the year. Jenks, Rastus and Mac could find a convenient seat, perhaps, on the stage as curtain-holders. Undergraduates would, however, be strictly not admitted—there wouldn't be room.

Now, sir, will this do?

I well remember that eminent educationalist, Sir James Parr, stating that on analysing his success in life he based its foundations on the inspirations which came to him, while sitting forward with staring eyes, year after year, at the annual prize givings, seeing the success of others. What a magnificent inspiration!

Now, our College is a demoralising place of abode—at least certain wowsers think so—so why prohibit that greatest of all moral inspirations to us poor, part worn, well-tired undergraduates. What a wonderful inspiration to Training College students year after year. Think of the envy and jealousy at seeing those fortunate graduates and graduettes worshipped by offerings of fruit and flowers, and with blood spilled from fishes.

Oh, sir, these things leave me hot with anger. I demand the admittance of undergraduates. If the tutors compel this day of adoration to be symbolised at the College, I insist that Miss Minchin and her "No Speaking" notices be thrown out of the Library, at least for the day, and the function be held there. Also that ten of the oldest undergraduates—I'm one—be invited to attend. In fact, if his function were held in the Library, there would be room for more than ten undergraduates.

Sir, I have paid my guinea Students' Fee, so please do what you can for a

GRADUATE (still 'oping to be).

## JUPITER JUNIOR

The Editor, "Craccum."

Sir,—In his last article, I notice that Junius Junior quotes, among others, the dramatic critics of the "Herald," "Sun" and "Star" as supporting his contention that the "King of Kawau" was a revue. These should not be of much value to Junius Junior in view of the condescending attitude he took up in his first article when dealing with the press comments on the said musical comedy. Also in his remarks about spontaneity, he does not seem to realise that a large part of the art of acting consists of being able to make rehearsed conversation seem spontaneous. If the "imbecilities" did not appear spontaneous, then it was the fault of the cast and not of the play.

JUMPING JUNIUS.

## CAPPING CEREMONY

The Editor, "Craccum."

Sir,—It is with gratification that I see that this year's Capping Ceremony is to be held in the Town Hall. It seems evident that if the University College is to become an integral part of this City, it must keep itself before the public. This occasion is the only one in the year on which the University lays before the public the work that it is doing on behalf of the community, and it seems fitting that this occasion should be the one on which successful students publically receive the reward of their study. I believe that the Professorial Board recommended the holding of the Ceremony in the College Hall, and later recommended the Town Hall as the site of the Ceremony. While I have no doubt they had good reasons for their previous recommendations, it is pleasing to note that they had the welfare of the College sufficiently at heart to retrace their steps. Personally, I know many graduates resented the idea of the Ceremony being held more or less in camera, and I am of the opinion that if a University is to progress it must have the sympathy and co-operation of its students and its graduates. A professorial oligarchy has never made a University.

GRADUATE.

There was a young fellow called Watt,  
Whom, to look at, you'd think was a swot.

But he says: "You won't mind  
If we postpone the grind,  
We have just about time for a ———\*."

\*Possibly "shot."

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