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" Doleamus Igitur

Loud as Mr. Upton Sinclair has been in his denunciation of the Prussianised system of University education, which, he claims, attains in the United States of America, it appears safe to conjecture that it would take more than "The Goosestep" to expose all the faults inherent in our own expensive system. Mr. J. N. Wilson's recent charge of inefficiency against the University of New Zealand was both amazing and amusing. But students of to-day will agree that it was well-merited. On the other hand, Mr. Sinclair's declaration that the graded progress of the student body from examination to examination, closely resembles the web-footed strut of a regiment of geese through an old-world farmyard, is a disagreeable thought, though partly true. But when the tares and duckweed of administrative inefficiency cause the hapless geese to stray and stumble in their pedestrian adventures, the only thing left is to pray for the time when the ugly duckling shall be no more.

The march of the graduates for 1930, might well have been hailed to the tune of "Doleamus Igitur," for there is obvious truth in the press comment, that the graduation ceremony has become as placid and decorous as a band of hope meeting. To Mr. Wilson, however, goes the credit of forestalling the Hongi Club in providing a display of fireworks for the occasion. And what a parade of folly and inefficiency his fulminations brought to view ! Led by the hoary spectre of Decrepitude, the Seven Deadly Sins of academic administration presented a sorry array of errors, neglects and inefficiencies innumerable. The University of New Zealand is professedly an examining body only, and since its aim is simple and its purpose single, it might be expected to function with some degree of efficiency. Vain thought ! Its students are exhorted to live by the motto, "Sapere Aude." But the University itself does neither.

As an evening daily succinctly remarked, Mr. Wilson's exposure of University inefficiencies "did not synchronise well with the eloquent pleas of Sir George Fowlds, and Professor F. P. Worley, for a wider, more active recognition of university training as a preparation for a business career. Was it not incongruous, to say the least, to chide merchants and industrialists for apparent failure to fill high executive positions with Bachelors of Commerce and other scholars with impressive degrees, when the president of the Students' Association on the same occasion had devoted most of his address to chiding the highest intellectual university administrators for sheer inability to conduct examinations on the simplest business lines with encouraging efficiency? Apparently, the average motor-lorryman can handle his dockets and delivery chits more efficiently than the New Zealand University can distribute examination papers or arrange the university calendar. It appears to be the scason for faults, and quite obviously Arapuni is not the only enterprise in the State that needs reconstruction and drastic, expensive remedies."-"Sapere aude !"

STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION

Hospital "Drive"

The question of providing "stunts" in aid of the Hospital Auxiliary "drive" was further discussed at a meeting held on June 13. It was decided (1) to provide a public demonstration per medium of a motor-lorry at the end of the month; (2) to have the Auxiliary "drive" advertised at the coming Arts Ball; (3) the question of student performances in the Town Hall was deferred till later in the term. Miss Walker and Mr. Wilson were appointed to proceed with the arrangements.

A full grant was made to the Hockey Club, which was thanked for its assistance in the paying of ground fees.

The nomination of Mr. A. K. Turner to the University Senate was considered, and it was decided to solicit the support of graduates not only in Auckland, but in the southern provinces. A sub-committee (Miss Mawson, Messrs. McDonald and Soliak) was appointed to conduct arrangements.

DEBATE BY RADIO A.U.C. v. V.U.C.

According to a decision of the N.U.S. last Easter, this year's inter-collegiate debate will be conducted by wireless, organised through the four Y.A. stations. Arrangements for the contest, which will be held on July 14, are in the hands of Mr. W. Mountjoy (V.U.C.), chairman of the N.U.S. Debates Committee.

Auckland's team, selected last week, will be Miss E. M. Johnston and Messrs. K. H. Melvin and P. L. Soljak. They will take the negative side on the question, "That the hirepurchase system is a detrimental influence to the community." The affirmative proposition will be put forward by a team representing Victoria College, Wellington.

One of the main reasons for the experiment is the desire to avoid trouble with the audience, but there is also the factor of convenience. Previous dehates have frequently been stormy, and the speakers have found it difficult to secure a hearing. In the atmosphere of the radio stations they will be relieved of this difficulty, though the experience of speaking to an unseen audience may be somewhat trying. Debates by wireless have, however, met with great success in Britain, and if this year's contest proves satisfactory, there is no doubt that the innovation will be extended in succeeding years.

CAPPING DAY

An "All Quiet" Affair.

The publication of accounts of southern student activities in connection with Capping Day ceremonies, in the last edition of *Craccum*, must, we fear, have made many an Auckland undergrad's mouth water. Nor was it left to Alfred Lord Tennyson, alone, to weep 'tears, idle tears,' for the "days that are no more"—we, ourselves, have wept copiously and write with difficulty.

Proceedings opened at 2.30 p.m., on Thursday, June 12th, with a procession of graduates down the centre aisle of the Town Hall, to music unknown, but vaguely familiar. Whether the association of ideas was too much for the audience, or whether a genuine desire to honour our successful students inspired them, we cannot say, but the majority stood in respectful silence. The same touching tribute was paid to the staff, who entered by the same door and to the same music, a few minutes later. "Gaudeamus"—an unconsciously ironic title under the circumstances—was nicely rendered by the organist and about six other people. Proceedings were then well under way.

To the credit of the three principal speakers, be it that they made speeches which were not long and which were of general interest to the public. Sir George Fowlds made a strong appeal for the recognition of university training as a preparation for a business career. He referred to the Association for Education in Industry and Commerce, which has been established in England for some ten years, and which has been instrumental in instituting a course of training in business administration at the London School of Economics.

Professor Worley, as Chairman of the Professorial Board, seconded these remarks. He regretted that the business houses of New Zealand were not looking to the universities for men to fill executive positions of high responsibility. He, himself, had been keenly interested in placing his own students in satisfactory positions as scientists in manufacturing industries, and a certain number were now occupying responsible posts.

Nigel Wilson then vigorously attacked examination conditions as organised by the New Zealand University. His speech, which deservedly gained considerable attention and publicity, is fully reported in another column. His remarks led Sir George Fowlds to re-iterate his previously expressed opinion that the time was coming when there should be either four separate universities in New Zealand, or a university embracing Auckland and Victoria Colleges and the Massey Agricultural College. Sir George has also had the satisfaction of awakening some interest, particularly in the south, by his remarks. A nice point has arisen as to whether Mr. A. C. T. Ascham, deputy-chairman of the Canterbury College Board of Governors, in commenting on Sir George's speech, said that "the demands of the Auckland University were rightly not satisfied" (as reported in the "Herald"), or that "the demands of the Auckland University were not rightly satisfied" (as reported in the "Star"). We leave our readers to form their own conclusions as to which is the more likely statement.

Several bouquets were thrown, metaphorically speaking, during the afternoon to Mr. A. H. MacDonald, on his achievment in gaining double first-class honours in Latin and Greek, and winning a Travelling Scholarship. On behalf of the students, *Craccum* takes this opportunity of adding its congratulations and best wishes for the future. The actual Capping ceremony passed off without incident. The audience gained an occasional laugh from the presentations to men students, and one or two small happenings were momentarily amusing. Gone, however, were the shouts of ribald laughter, gone indeed "the riotous songs of yesterday." A solitary motor horn, blown by some daring student, sounded like a child crying in a wilderness, and was instantly suppressed. Up to this point in the proceedings, there had been two flashes of spoken humour, the one conscious, the other unconscious. We give both of them to posterity.

"There should be an attraction for all of us in the business world. It is noteworthy that even the Bachelor of Commerce hood is lined with gold" (hearty laughter).

"A number of you graduates are leaving this university now to take up positions in the teaching world, some in primary schools, some, perhaps, in secondary schools. A few of you may become lecturers at universities or even *PROFESSORS* !" (Awed and incredulous silence.)

When "God Save the King" had concluded the ceremony and the staff had passed out in all their glory, the Hongi Club made a gallant, but belated and rather unsuccessful effort to make the audience laugh. In a sketch which lasted about twenty minutes, the Legislative council of Pakatoa, with a Governor gorgeously arrayed, presented birthday honours to a number of local and other celebrities. Written, we understand, on the previous day and rehearsed at one o'clock on the afternoon of its presentation, this was a by no means discreditable bit of work. As Miss Amy Johnson, Mr. Jack Cochran was extremely clever-we had almost written convincing; and it is significant of the times in which we live, that the most popular joke of the day concerned the bestowal of an Order of the Garter on Miss Amy Johnson. The bibulous Governor of Pakatoa played the leading part well, although in a manner slightly reminiscent of Bunsen in "All Quiet on the Waterfront." Mr. Bim Baxter (G. Watt) aroused amusement by the statement -the possible veracity of which apparently amused the audience -"that he very seldom knew what he had said in these afterdinner speeches until it was in the papers next morning." Tony Colley was excellent as the Rt. Hon. Forbes, though his make-up suggested rather George Arliss as Disraeli, than our new Prime Minister. In addition to these, honours were presented to George Roberts Hogan (The Scourge of the Hongis), Mr. Schmidt, Mr. Stallworthy, Mr. Allum and Mr. Furkett. Mention should also be made of Mr. Tom Hardie-Neil, who played the part of a drunk man in a natural and unaffected manner.

Altogether there were few there who did not see the pathos of students trying to amuse the audience and themselves while labouring under many restrictions imposed by the Professorial Board. There is a meaning in all things, and apparently it has been found impossible to make the student keep to it, with the result that processions and such divertissement are banned for ever. The question now arises as to whether the week of the play should be made a real carnival week, and the Capping ceremony left severely alone. The College has now a full year to consider the question and to come to some definite decision, as to the attitude that it wishes to adopt instead of struggling along in its present half-hearted manner.

A STUDENT SENATOR?

Mr. A. K. Turner's Nomination.

The University Senate by-election, to be held on July 14, presents a unique opportunity for students, graduates and undergraduates, to gain some degree of representation on the highest council of university control. Several reforms in administration are urgently needed, and a change in the University executive seems to be the only way to secure them. The N.Z.U. Calendar, for instance, is a mass of ambiguities and anachronisms, as most students know to their cost. The conduct of examinations in recent years has been far from satisfactory, and the air of bureaucratic irreproachability with which certain officials have chosen to grace themselves has done little towards alleviating the difficulty. It may be that while the Senate has had the interests of students at heart, the student outlook on such problems has not been understood. If so, the case for a student representative in the Senate is thereby greatly strengthened.

In nominating Mr. A. K. Turner, the Auckland Court of Convocation has done one of the best things it could have done. Young, energetic, and efficient, Mr. Turner has been prominent in student affairs since his entry into the University, and graduates are urgently requested to vote for him unanimously. Undergrads, too, can assist by seeing that the votes of graduates outside the College are secured in Mr. Turner's favour.

The Students' Association Executive has already started on its campaign, and the following statement has been circulated among the Southern Colleges:---

SENATE BY-ELECTION.

MR. A. K. TURNER-Student Representative, Barrister and Solicitor, Auckland; age 28 years.

A graduate of Auckland University College, and a practising solicitor in Auckland, Mr. A. K. Turner has had that long and thorough association with student affairs which should eminently fit him to represent student opinion in the world of university administration.

Mr. Turner entered A.U.C. in 1918, graduating M.A. in 1921 and LL.B. in 1922. He has always taken an enthusiastic interest in student activities, and was a member of the A.U.C. Students' Association Executive in the years 1922, 1923, 1928 and 1929. He was also publications editor in 1922, Vice. President of the Association in 1927 and 1928, and President in 1928-29. Mr. Turner represented Auckland at tennis in the University Tournament from 1922 to 1926, was Tournament Delegate in 1928-29-30, and Chairman of the New Zealand University Tournament Committee this year. He was, moreover, a foundation member of the council of the National Union of Students, resigning recently in favour of Mr. J. N. Wilson, this year's President of the A.U.C. Students' Association.

The A.U.C. Students' Association Executive feels that Mr. Turner's career renders him eminently suited to represent Student opinion throughout New Zealand, and invites recent graduates of every College to support him and return to the Senate at least one direct representative of student interests. For the A.U.C. Students' Association,

P. L. SOLJAK,

Editor Publications, A.U.C.

J. NIGEL WILSON,

President A.U.C. Students' Association.

THE GRAD BALL

A LOVE LYRIC

After the ball is over, as the old love lyrics say, When the last sad notes have faded,

And died on the breaking day;

And the world seems worn and jaded,

And the heart no longer gay After the ball is over, as the old love lyrics say.

For we supped at ten and at midnight, And four times in between;

And we drank a toast in the moonlight, From a passion-fruit tureen;

And they say there was something stronger, If you only knew where to go,

But we stayed where the drinks were longer, Till the orange and squash ran low.

There was soup at, I think, one-thirty,

With toast and sandwiches free, Tomato and something dirty,

Alleged to be bovine tea;

And we waltzed; and the band was playing "You're Always in My Arms."

I forget what she was saying, But I cannot forget her charms.

After the ball is over, as the late Lord Byron said, When the last farewells have started,

And the laughing guests have fled;

When the cars have all departed,

And the waiters gone to bed,

After the ball is over, as the late Lord Byron said.

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Social Notes

The Grad. Ball Reviewed. By ONLOOKER

This function held at Dixieland by the sea was a social, if not a financial, success. The Committee (on paper a powerful combine), whom we approached in the first place, complained of the number of "dead-heads" who "sneaked in" (sic). These "dead-heads," so-called, we are given to understand were the graduates of the year, who by all accounts enjoyed themselves thoroughly.

If the Capping ceremony plumbed the depths of gloomy decorum, Grad. Ball reverted to a joyful, and possibly inevitable, anti-climax. The changing of the venue of the dance to Dixieland, together with the reduction of the price of admission to 10/6, succeeded in making the whole affair more popular and spontaneous than it has been for a long time.

The extra cost to the Association for running the dance was, moreover, reduced to $\pounds 20$. Congratulations are due to Mr. Grant and his committee for the social and financial success which has attended their efforts in running the functions held to date.

In other and less exalted circles generous appreciation was expressed for Dixieland and for its surroundings. Some, however, attributed the success of the evening to the fact that supper lasted from ten to twelve and that the drinks were free. The absence of claret cup did not seem to worry many people, though it is difficult to express a definite opinion on this point. Others spoke warmly of the soup served just after the fifteenth dance, describing it as a hot idea, and as giving "a nice, homely, Jasper Calder touch to the outfit." Only two people were hurt in the stampede that followed the manager's announcement, and they are both getting on as well as could be expected. The scrum round the soup urn was also well patronised, but here things were comparatively quiet and only the crockery suffered. Others, again, spoke feeling, although with some incoherence, of the beauty of the waltz and the soft lighting effects; in fact, taken by and large, we are justified in putting the seal of our approval on this ball. The unrehearsed entrance of "Pansy" just after 12 a.m. was, perhaps, the most delightful touch of the whole show.

A delightful coffee evening was held in the Common Rooms on Thursday, June 19th. Although the fixture clashed with two debates, three football practices and an S.C.M. reunion, the attendance did not suffer. The distribution of coffee and biscuits in the Women's Department at 8 p.m. gave rise to a good deal of feeling, as usually happens, but as far as we know everybody got something, and some people rather more. Mr. Alec Macdonald, chairman of the Men's House Committee, then addressed the meeting. Showing a nice expanse of shirt-front, he stood on the table with one foot in a basin of sugar and the other in a plate of biscuits, and recommended his audience to put Mr. A. K. Turner on the University Senate and do away with all exam worries. "A lot of you here have had trouble with degrees (cheers and cries of 'Order'). The average age of the Senate is 150 (laughter) and if Mr. Turner catches the flapper vote and gets there something will happen!" It was a good fighting speech and we are only sorry that Mr. Turner was not there to hear it.

Dancing followed downstairs to an amateur jazz band of three, whose effort was much appreciated. The arrival of Mr. Skryme at 10 p.m. wound up the evening.

The Engineers' and Architects' Ball concluded a strenuous week. The attempt of the management to get through fourteen dances in under four hours was gallant, but unsuccessful, and we cannot recommend giving it another trial. George and T. Gray very decently rigged up a train whistle with a 250lb. pressure to announce the commencement of each dance. Somebody is alleged to have heard it towards the end of the evening, but we cannot authorise the statement. Several old faces were in evidence and a few new ones. Foxtrott, who has been in retirement for the greater part of the year, had a trial spin at the coffee evening on Thursday, was pronounced sound, and was sparking well on the Saturday night. Colin turned up looking rather worn, and Bill and Don arrived late. Barry and the rest of the boys got there about half-past ten and had some difficulty in not paying. Nigel was at it again, and doesn't look a bit older, but Freda seemed rather downhearted. The two Alecs were there and both had a good supper. Altogether a very good show, though a bit quiet in parts.

The oyster season opened with a bang at the Grill afterwards.

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HER HOCKEY HOLIDAY

A Study in Impressionism.

ACT I. Sc. I. Auckland station. Limited to left, men's and women's hockey teams upstage right, pillows, magazines, chocolates, rugs, other people, guards, etc. Time, 7.15 p.m.

Sc. II.: Reserved carriage. The cast is discovered, some disputing the arrangement of seats, some reading quietly, others talking loudly. As time advances cards are produced and bridge played; ukuleles, minties, grand opera and amateur dramatics, etc.

Sc. III.: Time, about midnight. Slippers, rugs, pillows, etc. Bestic is seen struggling with electric lights. Darkness, and—well—silence. Sleep (perhaps).

ACT II. PROLOGUE: Time, about 6 a.m. Place, Palmerston North. Soap, frost, breakfast, and pillow-fight.

Sc. I.: Wellington, taxis, baths. Later, hockey matches.

Sc. II.: Victoria College gymnasium. A dance is in progress. Music, lights, eskimo pies, hakas, etc. Sc. III.: Sunday afternoon. Motor drive, men to right round the bays, women to left to "Brown Owl," Mararoa.

Sc. IV.: Monday afternoon. Hockey matches. Later, dinners, men at Barrett's, ladies at Majestic. The two parties merge for picture party, and later appear at the Majestic for supper and dancing. Soloist Ellison.

Sc. V.: Tuesday morning. Repesentative matches, followed by English v. Wellington football, goals, apple cores, etc.

Sc. VI.: Wellington Station. "Limited" upstage right, cheers, hakas, farewells.

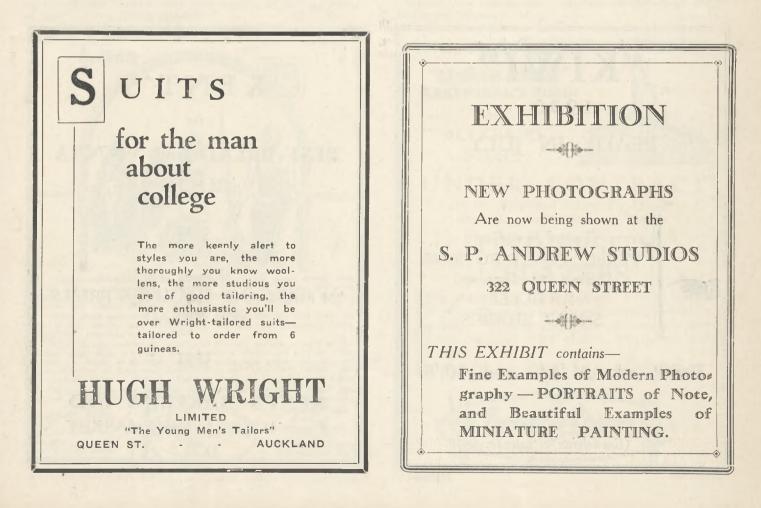
Act III. Sc. I.: Teams discovered in recumbent positions, inebriated visitors, songs, chocolates, and on a rack, The Seddoń Stick.

A little later: Bridge and singing.

Later still: Bridge and sausage rolls.

At 2.30 a.m.: Still bridge and protests.

2.45 a.m.: Darkness, peace, sleep.



FOOTBALL

The Ponsonby-'Varsity match on the 14th was undoubtedly 'Varsity's best showing this season, and although the College was beaten, the team must be congratulated on their excellent showing.

Ponsonby were hard pressed to secure their single point victory, 'Varsity holding the lead until well into the last quarter when Lucas kicked a penalty goal which gave Ponsonby a win.

Butler, as usual, played the soundest of football, and his kicking caused Ponsonby considerable trouble. McKay has further improved; his work in this match marks him as 'Varsity's "star" back, and he should, together with Butler, be considered as one of the possible aspirants to representative colours. The whole back division played as a team, and their general scheme of attack is now beginning to show some of the colour of our celebrated 1928 team.

The forward division stood up to their work well, J. Jenkin and Stacy, being prominent.

In the City-'Varsity match there was a considerable drop in standard, and in consideration of the fact that 'Varsity got most of the ball from scrum work, the College score should have been considerably bigger.

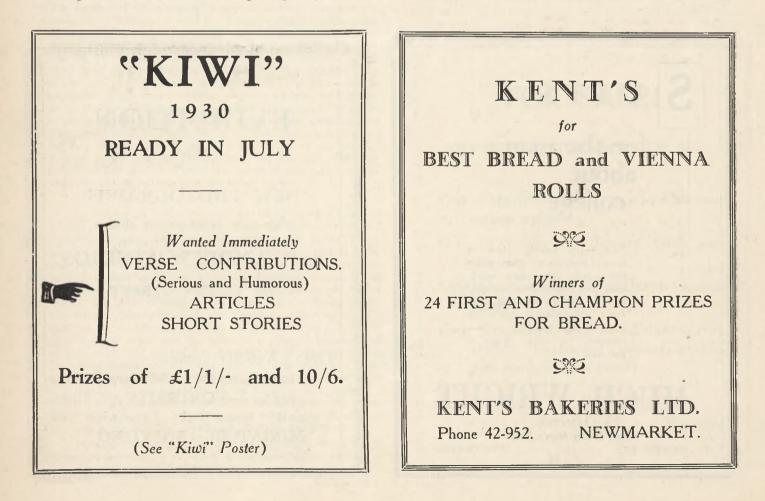
Douglas and Edwards were hooking really well, but the

backs failed to show the form of the previous Saturday. In spite of this the College score would have been considerably greater, but for the resolute tackling of city.

An injury to Bracewell early in the game cause a rearrangement in the three-quarter line, Stokes going into centre, and Melliken commencing to take his place on the wing. The new line did its job fairly satisfactorily, but was never deadly, although Minns staged several sensational dashes for the corner. Minns did not score during the game, however, he was always associated with the scoring movements.

Jenkin was sound and always tried to make the way easy for the men outside him. Rae, behind the scrum, was good, his only fault being that at times he puzzled his five-eights by erratic passing. Butler fielded cleanly, but his goal kicking was sadly at sea. McKay was well watched, and he did not show the brilliance of previous matches.

An invitation has been extended by the Suva Rugby Union to again send a representative team to the Islands. They are, of course, a multitude of obstacles in the way of the many players whose claims for inclusion in the team must have been considered. It is hoped, in spite of this that a strong side will be in a position to make the tour, and with our next issue, *Craccum* will be in a position to give a review of the selected side.



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HOCKEY

'Varsity Leads.

MEN'S HOCKEY.

By decisively defeating Wesley to the tune of 6-0, the 'Varsity representative team occupies the leading position at the end of the first round of the Senior Championship, and in addition has the best goal average.

The eleven has improved considerably on that of last year, chiefly in respect to the forward division. For the past few years this has been decidedly weak in combination, but now it is a joy to watch.

Individually, and as a team, there are few faults to find, the chief being a tendency of the right forwards to bunch, and a lassitude on the part of the halves in getting up to support their forwards on attack, and back to aid their rear division in defence. This mars an otherwise faultless display on the part of the players concerned. But, generally speaking, there is a cohesion between backs and forwards that is a delight to followers of the game.

Amongst the lower teams the Second Grade A lies second in the Champ., and the Third Grade team is well to the fore. Throughout the Junior Grades there is a decided keenness, and it is a great pity that there is little coaching done. This has always been the bugbear of the Club.

There is a noticeable absence of bad feeling among A.U.C. teams, and it is to the credit of our players that numerous spectators and referees alike have spoken in glowing terms of their conduct during matches. —A. J. E.



Picturel—Extensive plains of luscious waving grass dotted with cattle. Now realise—these animals are WILD—the brilliant Zebra in herds of fifty or so; wildebeest with rufiled manes, hartebeest, konjoni, buffalo, and smaller antelope by the thousand.

They stand and gaze at reasonable distance, but the long necks of the giraffes can be seen reaching out into the vast distance. These remarkable creatures are very timid.

Close handy, and in the vicinity of Nairobi, are the villages of the Masai, every male a warrior, every female a carrier and worker. The women, as hardy as the men, tend the sheep and goats, and, like the nomadic tribes of Syria and Arabia, pitch and strike their shelters and pack on the beasts of burden. The men stoop not to such menial tasks.

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WOMEN'S HOCKEY.

On Saturday, June 14th, the "A" team met St. Cuthbert's Old Girls, losing 3—0. A good fast game throughout. The team showed a marked improvement on their form before the recent 'Varsity Tournament. The backs were steady and put in some good defensive work. The forwards attacked repeatedly, and should have scored. With a little more concentration on circle work the team should gain some success.

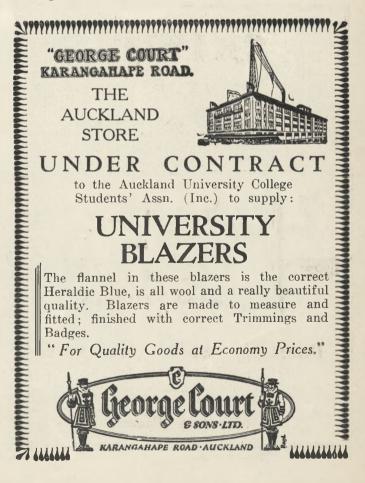
TOURNAMENT.

This is the first year since the war that the ladies of the Universities have met in a hockey tournament. Everyone was keen, and the games were very well contested. Auckland met Victoria, losing after a great struggle by the narrow margin of one goal. Score 1-0.

Otago defeated Canterbury, score 1-0.

On the Monday, Otago defeated Victoria, winning the tournament. Auckland defeated Canterbury 3-0. Goals were shot by Miss Callis and Miss Munro (2).

We were very proud of the Aucklanders who were picked to represent the Universities against Wellington Province. They were Misses Mawson and Osborne. Misses Callis and Mac-Cormack were emergencies. The representative team lost to Wellington Province.





CORRESPONDENCE

COLLEGE SONGS.

(The Editor, Craccum)

Sir,—I wish to comment on a matter which was brought to light during the tournament, namely, the distressing lack of good college songs. Everyone is sick to death of those hackneyed jangles, "Jump for Joy," and "If I had ten thousand pounds," etc., which bear absolutely no relationship to our college life, yet which seem to be best-known ditties. Why have we so few really good songs, which, whether dignified or light, carry with them the atmosphere of our University life?

To begin with, we should have a few permanent College songs, including some of those which are the heritage of students everywhere. The fine Latin version of "Lauriger Horatius," set to the tune which Communists and Marylanders prize so highly, is one which ought to be more prominent, and should be sung at the opening of every College function, just as "Gaudeamus" once had its place at academic ceremonies.

"Hail to Thee, Song of the Careless Collegians," is another one worthy of more attention.

In addition to these, we need some lighter ditties which should be the property of A.U.C. alone. "Evolution," "The Professor's Song," and "Reunited," if given wider publicity, would make excellent examples of this class. As for the rest of our present collection, I think we could safely consign the whole shooting-box to somewhere safer even than the "old oak chest."

In order to provide the fairly frequent change so necessary in a corporate community, we should have a competition, say, annually, to attract students of ability into producing student ballads. The ephemeral nature of popular hits renders them unsuitable for our songs, but ballads like "Come landlord fill the flowing bowl" and "There is a tavern in the town," are admirably adapted to our purposes. A final point I would like to emphasise is that when we have a good repertoire, it should be the duty of every student to know them thoroughly. Probably ninety per cent. of our students are not interested as yet, because they have never heard the songs mentioned above—except "Jump for Joy," of course. Let our songs be printed in the handbook, let us sing them lustily at the coffee evenings, let us practise them in our respective baths, let the professors set them for memory work —if they will, but at all costs let every student be familiar with them.

If these suggestions could be carried out, then, when next we have occasion to "raise our voices in concerted harmony," not only will we ourselves enjoy the singing more keenly, but we will be received with enthusiasm instead of being merely tolerated by the public on whom we are wont to inflict curselves. I am, etc.,

"VOICE IN THE WILDERNESS."

CARNIVAL PLAY.

(The Editor, Craccum)

Sir,-I heartily agree with "Onlooker's" criticism of "All Quiet," and consider with him that the musical comedy theme is not only done to death, but wholly unsuitable for student productions. Why not arrange for the writing of one three-act, or a series of good burlesque plays, with topical reference to public questions of the day-Parliament, Samoa, the talkies, the University Senate, Arapuni, etc., all offer hosts of suggestions. The "leading man-leading lady" problem would then be obviated, and more scope given for student humour, if such continues to exist. To meet the scheme the method of running the play competition would have to be devised to give everyone with ideas on the subject an opportunity of putting their thoughts into dramatic form. If the closing date were February 1st, or January 1st, instead of December 1st, as at present, there would be a greater number of entries and better material offered. This is the method followed in other colleges, and why A.U.C. alone should continue to produce a musical (?) comedy (?) written six months beforehand, surpasses my comprehension. I am, etc.,

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