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ANOTHER GLIMPSE OF THE OBVIOUS

The Talkative One: "Corse, I never went to no 'Varsity, but still I'm not as illegible as yer might think."



WOMAN'S WHIRL



Conducted by

ANN RUFFLEGS
Late of "The Stun"

BLUES' DANCE

The annual award of Blues was made at a very charming little Dance in the College Hall last Saturday night. There was only a moderate attendance and as nine tenths of it had complimentary double tickets I fear that the Social Committee's exchequer will not be widened to any appreciable extent if at all.

At the conclusion of the fourth dance Mr. A. K. Turner, in a toothless speech, congratulated the Blues winners and explained what Blues were and why some had got them and so on. Miss Margaret Mawson then presented the certificates to the winners, favouring the men with a charming smile and the women with a steady glance. A diverting incident was the presentation of a certificate to Miss Mawson herself by the President, Mr. Nigel Wilson.

Among the recipients present were Miss Ruth Taylor in cyclone georgina, Miss Jean Alison in shell (shock) pink lace, Miss Kath. Bull in Purity League georgette with tiara and coiffure to match, Miss Leslie Robertson in old rose pink georgette with hemstitching to match, Miss Margaret Mawson in a blue creation, Miss Jean McIntosh in her blackest mood, and Miss Jean Thomson in rosy pink georgette with brother to-match.

A disturbing feature of an otherwise magnificent affair was the inexplicable defection of Miss Alison during the presentation. An unconfirmed rumour states that she was hiding behind a pillow.

The supper was quite up to standard and went down well.

DEBUTANTES' DEBUT

Rompers Rampant

A very successful social was held in the Women's Common Room on Monday last in honour of the young ladies of the College who have the doubtful honour of being one and twenty this year.

Rompers and bows and baby clothes were the order of the evening and many were the admiring comments passed on the youthful dimples well saved in the knees of several of the guesseds.

Proceedings were opened with a game very popular in the Women's Common Room, followed by another of a more solemn nature, after which two prominent members of the Women's House Committee enthroned themselves on the oak table and took the salute as the graduates were announced and filed past blindfold in order (not of merit). Each debutante had to kneel and be smacked on the neck with the Chairwoman's sword, while the speech of emancipation was pronounced. Then the cap of majority was jammed on her head and she rose a new woman with unlimited powers over keyholes, entire authority to go on the rag or do as she pleased, and the proud possessor of a penny balloon.

Among those present were Miss Margaret Mawson in rompers of delicate blue, Miss Jean McIntosh in jonquil dress with megaphone to match, Miss Ruth Warren in a pinafore, Miss Dorothea Mulgan with her hair down, Miss Rose Perez in a youthful mood, Miss Marjorie Gray with a bow and earrings, and Miss Dawn Collier and Miss Kath Bull in 'hard up' costume.

Mrs. Odd is said to have remarked afterwards on the cleanness of the plates on which the fruit salad was served. We would remind twenty-oners that it is time they gave up all childish habits.



As the Association year draws to a close one is prompted to think of those whose efforts have played a notable part in its successful running. In this connection the name of John Nigel Wilson, the President, stands high on the list.

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Nigel Wilson, whom some of the oldest of us remember as a fairheaded youth with intellectual

possibilities, attended the Auckland Grammar School round about the year

1920. We are told that in form debates at that institution he gave promise of that masterly capacity for leadership which has characterised his actions at A. U. C.

On leaving Grammar Nigel took up law, graduating LL.B. in 1926. He was for some years connected with the well-known firm of Thorne, Thorne, White and Clarke-Walker, but whether his defection in 1929 was due to his inability to pronounce his firm's title without dislocating his jaw or to the fact that his own unpretentious name could never hope to be linked in partnership with such an illustrious combination we are unable to say. At present he is employed by the firm of Goldstine & O'Donnell. We look forward confidently to the day when the name of John Nigel Wilson will be a household word among the criminal classes of two continents.

From the outset of his College career Nigel Wilson interested himself keenly in student life. Commencing with the Lit. Club he rapidly graduated to the Deb. Soc. and followed this up the next year by gaining a place on the Executive which he has held continuously except for 1927 - his black year. Many and varied have been the posts which he has filled. He has been three times Editor of "Kiwi", three times Student President of the Lit. Club, and twice President of the Association. Other feats were Chairmanships of the House Committee, the Debating Society and the Hockey Club.

Although on his arrival at A.U.C. Nigel possessed little histrionic ability and stage sense his long association with men and their ways gave him a tremendous insight into the art of playwriting which he has turned to the advantage both of himself and the Association. He wrote, in collaboration with Dr. J. Andrews, the Carnival plays of 1929 and 1930. And thereby hangs a tale. During the many years he was connected with the Carnival Committee it had been seeking feverishly for a leading lady, and when last year one was found John Nigel Wilson showed his warm appreciation thereof and signified in the usual manner. We look forward confidently to the day when -- (alright Joan).

Nigel Wilson has decided he has just about reached the end of the student tether and will this year be dropping out from active participation, though we feel sure that A.U.C. will see him frequently for some years to come. He "officially" leaves this College with a record for student service that will be extremely hard to beat.

COMPANIONATE MARRIAGE
Debaters Denounce Divorce

A well attended debate took place in the Law Lecture Room on Tuesday evening when teams representing the faculties of Arts and Science and Law and Commerce discussed the question of Companionate Marriage as a solution to the divorce problem.

Mr. Harrowell, who looked tall and handsome in the shaded glare of the law room reading lamp, led the Affirmative side, while the deep voiced, hard thinking Mr. Harrop championed the opponents of Companionate Unions.

After Mr. Harrowell had defined the Companionate Marriage, which the audience seemed to consider in a favourable light, no one took much interest until the advent of the second speaker for the negative. This gentleman had apparently been misinformed about the subject and gave a fairly technical and apparently authoritative lecture on Birth Control. He dealt with his subject in a perfectly sane and scientific manner, and, in its proper place, and before a fit audience, his discourse could not possibly have been found objectionable. But when such matter is subjected to the scrutiny of the immature and prosient-minded, it invariably becomes objectionable; and so it came about that Mr. Gunn's speech was punctuated by inane titters from one section of the audience and salacious interjections from Mr. Collister in the back row. From an alleged intellectual and serious-minded group of University students, this was the most disgusting exhibition that could well be imagined; and we feel that the Chairman's rebuke should have been addressed to the audience rather than to the speaker. Mr. Millar, who took up the subject later in the debate, announced that he was not supporting the negative because he did not wish to be associated with Mr. Gunn. He would have been more justified, we feel, in declaring that he had left the audience because he did not wish to be associated with Mr. Collister.

The reasoned ruling of the judges showed that the Affirmative had won by a large margin. It is not expected, however, that this decision will have much effect on either the amount of companionate marriage or the amount of divorce indulged in in this College.

Canterbury's Opinion

"Marriage nowadays is like a double chart - the two sides rarely lead to anything else."

- "Canta".

MORE NOTES FROM ABROAD

J. M. McDougall who is now studying at Edinburgh, relates an interesting feature of student behaviour at the University. If the students at a lecture object to a point made by the professor they stamp twice and say "Tut! tut!"

If this procedure were adopted at A.U.C. quite a few students would die of laryngeal inflammation or cramp.

Judge(at last debate): "This speaker made very effective use of the paws."

(Mr. Millar's semaphores had nothing on his gestures apparently.)

GRADUATION BALL

Graduates and undergraduates are reminded that they are expected to wear gowns during the first two dances.

(This, of course, does not mean that clothing will be discarded for the third dance. --Ed.)