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THE ELECTION CAMPAIGN

SULLIVAN FOR PRESIDENT

CANDIDATES FOR THE EXECUTIVE

The College is at present in the throes of the Annual Elections. The Presidential Election was held last Thursday and resulted in a substantial victory for Martin Sullivan. Sully is perhaps the youngest man to have become President of the Auckland University College, and as he is still an active student his personal touch with the mass of the students augurs well for the success of his period of office. Martin Sullivan's record has already been more or less truthfully chronicled in a previous issue, so we shall forbear further eulogy. Craccum extends its congratulations to Mr. Sullivan, acknowledges the long and faithful service of his opponent. Mr. Robins, and the retiring President, Mr. Wilson, and prophecies a popular and profitable term for the new head.

A very keen contest for the Women's Vice-Presidentship took place, and *Craccum*'s congratulations go to Miss Turner on attaining to the office for which her long period of student service has fitted her.

THE EXECUTIVE ELECTION

It has long been felt that the smallness of College pells is in some measure due to the lack of information the average student has about the majority of the candidates. We publish therefore a list of the candidates with a resume of their qualifications and records. We wish students to understand, however, that we have no intention of electioneering, and that our notes are bare impartial reports.

* = Sitting Member. *Robins, Eugene Dumont: Auck-

- Ind Grammar School; Junior University Scholar; M.Sc. 1928; M.A.
 1929; Senior Scholar; Sec. Tennis Club; S.C.M. Committee; Member Stud. Ass. Exec. 1927-28-29-31; Secretary Stud. Ass. 1928-29; Occupation, High School Teacher.
 BLOW, ERIC HAROLD: Auckland
- Grammar School; Deb. Soc. Com. 1929-31; Lit. Club Com. 1931; Social Com. 1931; Athletic Club Com. 1931; Stud. Ass. Exec. 1931; B.A. 1931; Teacher, Arts and Commerce Faculties; Editor Craccum 1931.
- HILL, ALAN R.: Auckland Grammar; Dep.-Capt. Harrier Club; Sec. Grad. Ball Committee 1931; Lit. Club Exec. 1929-30-31; Occupation, Law Clerk.
- MULGAN, JOHN A.: Auckland Grammar Prefect; Junior Scholar; Editor Craccum 1930; Social Committee 1930-31; Carnival Committee 1931; Literary Club 1930-31; Hon. Sec. Football Club 1931; Nominated Rhodes Scholar 1932; Full-time Arts student.
- CALLIS, NANCY E.: Epsom Girls' Grammar Prefect; Lit. Club Exec. 1930-31; Deb. Society Committee 1931; Commerce Society 1930-31; College Hockey rep. 1930-31; Hockey Com. 1931; Commerce Student.
- ARCHIBALD, SHEILA BETTY: Auckland Girls' Grammar Prefect; Sinclair Scholar 1927; Pres. S.C.M. 1930; House Committee 1929; Field Club Committee; Stud. Ass. Exec. 1931; B.A. 1931; Teacher, Arts faculty.



MARTIN GLOUSTER SULLIVAN, B.A. Photo Courtesy "Star"

- COURT, EVELYN ROSE: Auckland Girls' Grammar Prefect; House Committee 1931; Hon. Sec. Basketball Club 1930-31; Social Committee 1931; Stud. Ass. Exec. 1931; B.A. 1931; Arts student.
- D'ESTERRE, DIANA FRANCES: Auckland Girls' Grammar Prefect; Field Club Committee; Publications Committee 1931; B.A. 1931; Arts Student
- MACKY, RUTH: Epsom Girls' Grammar Prefect; Lit. Club Committee 1931; House Committee 1931; Arts student.
- MILNE, LOVELACE: Dioscesan H.S.; House Committee 1931; Arts student.
- MULCAN, DOROTHEA: Nelson Girls' College Prefect; Lit. Club Committee 1931; Hon. Sec. House Committee 1931; Arts student.
- PAUL, DAVID BLACKWOOD: Hamilton H.S. Prefect; Junior University Scholar; Lit. Club Committee 1928-29-30-31; Publications Committee 1929-31; S.C.M. Committee 1930-31; B.A. 1930; Hon. Sec. Carnival Committee 1930; Law Clerk.
- MONRO, DAVID HECTOR: Auckland Grammar; Lit. Club Committee 1929-30-31; Publications Committee 1929-31; B.A. 1931; Carnival Committee 1930; Arts student.

- PATERSON, EDWARD BENNIS: St. Andrew's College Prefect; House Committee 1931; Social Committee 1931; Grad. Ball Committee 1931; Musical Club Committee; Arts student.
- COLLEY, ANTHONY DONALDSON: Downside College (Eng.); Hon. Treas. Hockey Club 1931; Vice-Pres. Hongi Club 1931; Science faculty.
- YOCKNEY, CLIVE S. W.: Auckland Grammar; Junior Univ. Scholar; House Committee 1931; Senior Scholar; B.A. 1931; Arts student.
- McCULLOGH, N. A.: Auckland Grammar; Hon. Sec. Rifle Club 1930-31; Engineering faculty.
- WILSON, THOMAS: Auckland Grammar; Teacher, Arts faculty.
- BARKER, WILLIAM L.: Sacred Heart College; Hon. Sec. Deb. Society 1931; N.Z.U. Double Blue 1931 (Football and Boxing); Arts student.
- ADAMS, GEOFFREY OWEN: Auckland Grammar; Junier Univ. Scholar; Deb. Soc. Committee 1931; B.A. 1931; Law Clerk.
- DUMBLE JOHN: Auckland Grammar school; B.Sc. 1927; Research Chemist; Author Varsity Play 1927; Arts student.
- MARTIN, JOHN FREDERICK: Auckland Grammar School; Engineering student.
- ELLISON, NORMAN JOSEPH: Auckland Grammar School; Hockey Blue 1930; Hockey Club Captain 1931; Chairman Hockey Social Committee 1931; College Hockey Rep. 1929-30-31; B.Sc. 1931; Bacteriologist. Science Faculty.
- *GREY, RALPH F. A.: Wellington College Prefect; Junior University Scholar; Stud. Ass. Exec. 1931; Chairman Social Committee 1931; Law Society Committee 1930-31; Law Clerk.
- HARKNESS, EUAN W.: Nelson College; Architectual Society; Architecture student; Hongi Club; Arts and Engineering student.
- ROBERTSON, FRED. H.: Mt. Albert Grammar Head Prefect; Arts student.
- COOPER, WILLIAM H.: Auckland Grammar School; Junior University Scholar; T.C. Exec.; Arts student.



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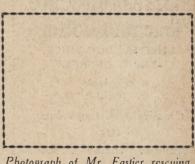
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STUDENTS STAGE STORMY SHIPWRECK AT SEA

A thrilling adventure befell three students of the Auckland University College on Tuesday last, when a small sailing boat was wrecked at sea. The heroes were Messrs. Fastier and Mc-Cormack. Miss Hewitt played the feminine lead in an attractive manner. We tell the story in Mr. Fastier's own vivid words:

On the Tuesday night after lectures we decided to go down and look at the boat which we had just purchased. It was blowing a gale from the south-west, the weather was bitterly cold, occasional showers were coming across and altogether it seemed a good night to go down to the sea in ships. Miss Hewitt came down to mend the sails by moonlight. When we got there it seemed a reasonable thing to sail the boat along the waterfront. To our surprise we found, when we got outside the breakwater that there was a considerable sea running. We can only venture to conjecture that this was caused by the gale that was blowing. Crowding on all sail, we roared past the wharves, breaking all previous records for midwinter sailing. When endeavouring to turn into Mechanics Bay we were again surprised to find that the offshcre wind tended to blow the boat away from the shore rather than towards it. Bailing like the devil, we passed Bean Rock to port and the Orakei Basin to starboard. A thing like that, said Mr. Fastier modestly, was no trouble to us.



Photograph of Mr. Fastier rescuing Miss Hewitt.

At this point it occurred to Mr. McCormack, who is an experienced yachtsman, to lower the centreboard, his idea being that it might assist us to sail into the wind. Unfortunately enthusiasm made him lower it to its full extent and the pressure sprang a leak in the boat. This, continued Mr. Fastier, was a bad thing. Rangitoto now loomed up in the foreground and we made all haste to reach land. The wind helped us here considerably. By a stroke of bad luck we arrived at Rangitoto rather before we had meant to, and were left with a swim of half a mile from an outlying reef to the shore. Both Miss Hewitt and Mr. McCormack commented on the coldness of the water. Arriving on the oyster rocks we made all speed for habitation, and I would like to pay a tribute to the warmth of the hospitality of those people who looked after us.

Friends and admirers will be (dis)pleased to hear that none of the three adventurers are any the worse for their experience. CRACCUM, THURSDAY, AUGUST 13th, 1931

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GRADUATION

It is now nine months since a hundred and thirty odd students sat for the final section of their degrees, and the little "jollification" which they are about to indulge in is therefore not premature.

Time was when Capping Day was "the" day of the College and Civic year. To-day the graduates, because of the the sins of their predecessors have to put up with a dignified ceremony, and the only really enjoyable thing will be the Capping Ball. This is bad for a Students' Capping Carnival and is as rational as a Church Harvest Festival. Let the squatter rejoice at the end of his wool season, the sailor at the end of his voyage, and let the student make whoopee at the end of his time of study.

Craccum extends heartiest congratulations to the graduates of the year and hopes that those who are leaving us for the big world will always retain pleasant memories of their student years.

HARRIERS AND ATHLETICS

The Harrier Club scored its first outside success in the Onehunga-Auckland road race held recently. The 'Varsity team came second, 1 point only behind the winners. In the Auckland Inter-Club Championship 'Varsity was also second. Both races were won by N. F. Cooper of the 'Varsity Club who, in the latter event, scored a decisive win over the British Empire Champion, J. W. Savidan. N. F. Ccoper and A. B. Browne (the latter being 3rd in the above events) are virtual certainties for the Auckland Cross Country Team which will contest the Dominion Championship at Auckland on August 29, so, barring accidents, the club will have produced 2 out of a team of 6 reps. in its first season. Another promising runner who has improved tremendously during the season is R. C. Haszard who has become 'Varsity's number three in teams races.

A determined effort is to be made next year to lose the Tournament Wooden Spoon, and the Athletic Club intends to hold a number of meetings after the football season to keep men in training and build up a team. Look out for posters advertising the annual meeting to be held shortly, when details will be discussed.

> WHAT ABOUT AN ARTICLE FOR KIWI ? CLOSING DATE SATURDAY

TO APPEAR FIRST WEEK NEXT TERM

CALLOUS CUNNING IN CAFETERIA

A SCANDALOUS STATE OF AFFAIRS

CRACCUM POINTS OUT A FEW EYE-OPENERS

The average student has little or no conception of the terrible cancer which is eating at the very entrails of our Cafeteria system. It is for Craccum to bring before the student public the realization of the iniquitous practices which are indulged in and openly boasted about in our University Dining Hall. Craccum has long felt that unmoral practices were openly indulged in in the Cafeteria, and had waited patiently for the day when Professor Belshaw or Bernard Wight would bring this festering sore to the light of common intentional day. But no, nothing has been done, and this shameful state has been allowed to continue blatantly and brazenly. Last week, however, a Craccum reporter got to work on the job and the results of his investigations are truly amazing, and will make every real man and maid in this College blush with shame and burn with indignation.

Is it known, we ask, that a definite organized underworld exists in our Common Rooms for the express purpose of scientifically sucking the life blood of the Cafeteria? No, it is not, and if it is, the knowledge is secretly suppressed, and discussion of the evil is as taboo as a paper on James Joyce at the E.S.F. Meeting.

This underworld is infested with gangs led by cunning and diabolical scoundrels. There is "Stew Face" Al Grabonly whose gang is the terror of the waitresses of two continents. There is "Butter Pat" Pete whose gang have the systematic stealing of butter down to a fine art, and there is "Slick" Silas Silvester who can remove sweets crosses from meal chits with photographic accuracy and devilish cunning. The toll that these unscrupulous scoundrels levy on the guineas of unsuspecting students is stupendous.

These are a few of the practices that our reporter, at the peril of his life, discovered. A gang will quietly assemble by ones at a fixed table, and

directly their cursed company is complete will proceed to their nefarious trade. Half the number will obtain shilling chits and the other half will have pie and potato for 5d. With blatant nonchalance the coffee from the shilling will be passed on to the 5d. customers and the others will then return to the counter and bully the waitresses into believing that they have had no coffee, and consequently obtain another tankard. On leaving the Cafeteria the gang will square up, and thus every member of the band can thus obtain a substantial meal for about 7d. And this is allowed to go on in a modern civilized community, and the daily newspapers are as silent as the grave!

Then there is the pernicious pinching of the Pat Pilfering Patrol whose object is to obtain the maximum number of pats of butter at the minimum charge. The Machiavellian cunning of these human devils is infinite. They will stop at nothing, and even the thought of the pangs of indigestion cannot deter their craving. They will secrete butter on the bottom of their plates, behind their ears, up their sleeves, and pancake it between slices of bread. They are a dirty, greasy crew.

Lastly there is the Erasure Gang which specialises in removing sweets crosses from chits. The procedure is ridiculously simple. One of the gang will obtain pudding, consume it, hand it to the sinister leader Slick Silas who, with a deft flourish, removes the cross and hands it to another member of the gang, and the process is repeated *ad lib cd nauseam*. It is impossible to estimate the number of fiends who have fed fat free as the result of the handiwork of "Slick" Silas.

Craccum can do nothing. Like an economic law, it can just state facts and hope that the anger of the student public will be roused to such a pitch against these monstrosities in our midst that a public inquiry will be made.



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COMMENTS ON CAPPING 'VARSITY'S GRATE DAY

The Annual Graduation Ceremony of this College will (or we hope it will) take place on Friday in the historic pit of the Auckland Town Hall. And the place is not ill chosen, for there have in days of yore gathered immense crowds to witness all conceivable forms of entertainment from caveman wrestling to Hambourg recitals. We fear, however, that our ceremony will lack both the primitive passion of the crucifix or the Boston Crab, and the refined genius of Tsaioskvi's Prelude in A flat minor. Nevertheless, we feel that a few comments on the line of procedure may not be out of place.



SIR GEORGE FOWLDS (whose ancestors have fought the English since Flodden.) Photo Courtesy "Star"

WHAT WILL PROBABLY HAPPEN POSSIBLY

The ceremony is set down for 2.30 so that by ten to three everything should be ready for the kick off. This will be signallised by a loud crash on the minor stops of the organ, and the audience are expected to spring to their feet and sing Gaudeamus.

The President of the College Council, Sir George Fowlds, will then address the gathering in Gaelic. All copyrights are reserved and no English translations will be permitted during the ceremony. The audience is requested to clap discreetly at intervals. When he has concluded his oration (and if there is time left) the real business of the show will begin, and the graduands will phial past him, have the toga virginibus chucked over their shapely shoulders, hear a Scotch incantation pronounced over their prostrate bodies and pass on graduates. The audience is requested to clap the first half dozen.

This will probably take some time. At last a new sub-title will flash on



the screen and Professor Anderson, Chairman of the Professorial Bored, will continue the foreign oration in the Heart of Midlothian dialect, which the newspapers will print in English

Professor Anderson

professor Anderson on Saturday morning. The last speaker for the negative, or whatever the show can be called, will be Mr. Nigel Wilson, President of the Students' Association, who is expected to speak in bad English on some subject strongly condamnatory of the University of New Zealand. The whole of the proceeding will be filmed under the personal supervision and direction of Mr. M. R. O'Shea, Registrar of the College, whose likeness is herewith reproduced. He will probably discard his pipe for the greater part of the ceremony, though this is by no means certain.

At the conclusion of the ceremony the Hongi Club will *not* perform, and the gathering will dispense, the graduates to their afternoon tea and the audience to their husbands' tea.

The following is a list of the Graduands, neither in order of merit nor of notoriety:

* = in Absentia. MASTER OF ARTS "Jack of all trades and Master of Arts."—OLD ADAGE. *ADDIS, Harold John (1st Lat. and Fr.) ANDERSON, Keith D. (2nd Lat. and Fr.) BOULTON, Edward *HART, Eslie Arnold (1st maths.) HOGG, John David (2nd Eng. and Fr.) JOHNSTON, Eileen Margaret (2nd Educ.) KISSLING, Frances Edith Schwartz MINNS, Percy Croft MONCRIEFF, Janet L. McGILL, Colin Thomas (2nd Lat. and Fr.) *PERRY, Leslie W. G. RAE, Kenneth William (2nd Lat. and Fr.) *ROSS, Janet G. SALMON, Herbert William *STONE, Percival Samuel Walter (2nd Lat. and Fr.) THOMPSON, Henry Leopold WOOLCOTT, Alfred Douglas Wentworth *RICHARDS, Alun Morgan (1st Educ.) MASTER OF SCIENCE "I've information, animal, vegetable and mineral."—"H.M.S. Pinafore." LIDGARD, Louis Herbert LYONS, Robert Rodney *SAGAR, Frederick Henry (2nd Phys.) SHERWOOD, Ian Russell (1st Chem.) STEWART, James Charles (1st Phys.) *WATT, John Stephen (2nd Chem.) MASTER OF LAWS "'Virtue in the middle,' said the Devil as he seated himself between two lawyers."—ANON. BLACK, James Corbett (2nd) EDGE, William Reed (2nd) McCARTHY, Frederic (2nd) O'DEA, Richard John (1st) THOMSON, Trevor G. MACARTHUR, Ian Hannay BACHELOR OF ARTS "Ten thousand saw I at a glance." —Wordsworth. ADAMS, Geoffrey Owen

ALLEN, John W. ARCHIBALD, Sheila Betty *BELSHAW, James P. *BLACKLOCK, Ethelwin BLOW, Eric Harold *BUNBY, Isabel D. BYRNES, Malcolm Palmer CALVERT, Cyril .G CARSON, Elsie F. CLELAND, Doris G. COSTELLO, Desmond Patrick COURT, Evelyn Rose DAVIES, Frederick R. J. D'ESTERRE, Diana Frances EDSON, Eileen D. *GORDON, Graham N. *HALLIGAN, Florence M. *HARVEY, Kathleen M. *HATTAWAY, Frederick G. HEWLETT, Theophilus Norris HUTCHINSON, Audrey JESSOP, Ailsa M. LEONARD, Kathleen M.

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*CONNOLLY, Jack
ELLISON, Norman J.
GRAY, Donald A.
*GUY, George
HEYWARD, Charles W.
POYNTON, Charles W. (C.U.C.)
MALOY, Cyril L.
MARKHAM, Geoffrey W.
MURRAY, John T.
NORTH, Wm. C. R.
OWEN, R. J.
PARK, Ivy O. A.
PLATTS, Wm. M.
PRYOR, Charles G.
*RUDALL, Kenneth Maclaurin

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*HALL, N. LIDGARD, Louis H. *POOLE, A. H.

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DIPLOMA IN JOURNALISM WOOI LER, Cyril E. d'ESTERRE, Diana Frances JONES, Colwyn Frank

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to a grill-room and have a party of

Of course it doesn't do to take these

things seriously. It remains to be seen

if keeping really quiet will do the

cause any good. Most students will

agree that the Capping Ceremony should be a sclemn business and should

their own.

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A FEW RANDOM THOUGHTS

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This article is addressed for the most part to the poor fish who are unlucky enough to have obtained ringside seats at the annual capping ceremony and are about to see Sir George put a crucifix on the idea of a Fine Arts Building. Our advice to you is to read this through and then slip quietly out, but we don't suppose for a moment that you will take it. Tradition dies so hard. In the old days funny things happened at capping ceremonies and so to-day the die-hards are here hoping against hope that they will get a laugh. Anyone with a subtle enough sense of humour will find plenty to amuse him during the next hour or two. Your true humorist would go into hysterics when the solemnly beautiful procession enters, would collapse under the seat hearing Sir George, and be carried out still laughing during Professor Anderson's address. But if you want broad humour, if you are low enough to laugh at interjections, to be amused by student burlesques, to wish to see a pork pie thrown at the registrar, read this through and then slip quietly out -for none of these things are going

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of Jasper Calder (and may he remain for ever young). Coming nearer our own days the score-board reads like this:

1929—Violent address by student President—Atmore coming—students begged to keep quiet. Result dead silence unaffected by nonarrival of Atmore. Hongis very kindly dress as school-girls.

1930—Church service with music and responses. Students kindly given use of platform after ceremony. No interjections by special request. Flat show by Hongis to a dormant audience who walk out on them.

