



## EXTRAORDINARY EXECUTIVE.

IT is felt that the student public ought to know a little about those people whom they have appointed to direct their politics. The following criminal records have, therefore, been collected. The statements, while approximate in the main, are not guaranteed accurate, and the Editor disclaims responsibility for their publication.

### Miss R. M. Macky, B.A.

Vice-President and Chairman of Women's House Committee. Early in life Ruth committed the indiscretion of attaching herself to the Epsom Girls' Grammar School. A career of iniquity thus irrevocably embarked upon culminated in the head-prefectship, which she held jointly with one, Elizabeth Warren. In 1930 she entered A.U.C., bringing with her a Junior University Scholarship and much enthusiasm. Lack of foresight induced the women to elect her to their House Committee in 1931, and in 1932 to the Executive, with the present lamentable result.

Last year, at Miss Miller's suggestion, she decided to become Senior Scholar in French.

### Miss E. P. Warren.

Co-partner in crime with the above (q.v.). Also a product of the Epsom Girls' Grammar School, and also, sadly enough, head prefect of that institution. Entering A.U.C. at the tender age of 17, she embarked upon the perilous course of an Arts degree. In 1932, Betty inaugurated her political career with an entry into the Women's House Committee, and the Executive. It was under her gentle influence that the Social Committee functioned smoothly during the past year. This year she will look after National Union of Students. God bless her!

### Miss B. A. Robertson.

Miss Robertson, whose name, I blush to say, is Barbara, came from the Auckland Girls' Grammar School in 1931, burdened with a Sinclair Schol. and an Entrance Schol. What talent she had she devoted to the cause of science, and blossomed forth without shame, as the Chairman of the Sci. Soc. in 1932 and 33. The Women's House Committee was brightened by her presence in 1932, and the Executive was forced to admit her to its ranks in the same year. As a penance for the degradation of her calling, Barbara has been allotted the task of directing the students in their lighter moments as secretary of the Social Committee.

### Miss P. C. Norris, B.A.

Even in her early school days Phoebe showed signs of a brilliant athletic career. At Auckland Girls' Grammar School she astounded observers, and silenced criticism by her proficiency with the leather. Even a brief spell at Training College could not daunt that proud spirit. At A.U.C., besides becoming, though none knows how, the possessor of that mystic thing, a B.A. degree, she has practically carried the Basketball Club on her shoulders. She is skipper of the

Varsity senior team, which follows the unsporting policy of winning every match. She collected A.U.C. Blues in 1931-2-3, a N.Z.U. Blue in 1932; was a member of the Auckland team which ran away with the N.Z. Provincial Championship, and was selected, probably by mistake, for the North Island team. It is rumoured that Phoebe is thinking of taking up basketball.

### W. G. Blamires.

Hailing from Devonport, that home of sheer-legs and obsolete forts, Graham possesses all the qualities of mind and body for which that salubrious suburb is noted. Inspired by the ozone of his marine-side habitation, he sped his meteoric course through the Takapuna Grammar School, where his prowess on the cricket field bore ample testimony of the glory that was to come. Pursuing his course through the rarer atmosphere of higher culture, he scintillated as pupil teacher through the doubtless gloomy buildings of Devonport Primary School, and finally, in true meteoric fashion, embedded himself in the Auckland Training College. There, however, our metaphor ends, for he immediately flashed into prominence—a thing no decent meteor would do twice—and his native genius won him the elevated position of A.T.C. President. He plays senior cricket and senior hockey.

### H. C. Garlick, B. Sc.

Easily the fastest member of the Executive. He hails from A.G.S., where he carried out the important functions of prefect and senior athletics champion. He divides his time (after 6 o'clock) between studying science and playing senior football. He has represented A.U.C. at Tournament and has been N.Z.U. champion over the short distances. This year he captained the athletics team, though an unfortunate accident during training put him off the active list. Cliff will be responsible for the arrangement of A.U.C. sporting activities.

### E. P. Haslam.

Vice-President. Eric passed an unsettled secondary school life, moving discontentedly between Southland, Waimate and even Timaru. The well-known water of the last-mentioned village proved so beneficial that Eric fluked an Entrance Schol. in 1930, and spoilt an other-

wise promising career by entering upon an Arts course at A.U.C. Upon the defection of Mr. J. M. Bertram, his ignorance led him into undertaking the secretaryship of the Association, with which he has struggled until the last elections. He is now enjoying a well-earned rest as chairman of the Social Committee. He is one of Auckland's nominees for the Rhodes Scholarship.

### A. R. Hill.

His weakness for the tragic muse became only too evident at A.G.S., where he put such an interpretation on Shakespeare as had never been heard before. He still suffers from the unfortunate delusion that he has a rather pleasant throaty baritone. He has performed sterling service on committees in connection with Tournament, Lit. Club, Grad. Ball, and others too numerous to mention. He performs well in the mile, and governs the activities of the Harrier Club, which he has been largely instrumental in developing. With Mr. R. F. A. Grey, he shares the responsibility for A.U.C.'s part in 1934 Tournament.

### J. D. Lewis.

After running King's College with much success for several years, Mr. Lewis created a vicious precedent by gaining an Entrance Schol. from that institution. This exhibition of bad form compelled his transference to A.U.C., where he hit upon the novel idea of taking up a B.A. course. His activities include St. John's, Men's House Committee, senior football and tournament sprints. As far as it is possible to discover at present he has no vices except a motor-bike. He is the second member from this Executive who will represent A.U.C. before the Rhodes Schol. Selection Committee.

### A. P. Postlewaite.

Business Manager. Too well known to need introduction or discussion. Nobody knows where he came from or why and when he did it. When we came to Varsity we found him here. Pos. takes the students' pennies and gives them all to the Registrar. He is the most hard-worked man in the University and thinks nothing of rising at 3 a.m. and working till midnight. Though he is a keen and capable boxer and has represented A.U.C. at Tournament, he has a heart as soft as swan down. No deserving case ever appeals to him in vain.

### J. B. Rushworth.

Jack (not the one usually associated with Jill—but) Broxholme (very best Anglo-Saxon, we believe) Rushworth (also antient Englishe) hails originally from that land afflicted with extraordinary spellings and a Public School system. He began to be a product of the latter by attending Felstead Preparatory School, but now combines the elements of many cultures in the brilliant result of a diverse education. He is, one might say, an "Institution Man," having completed distinguished careers at King's College and St. John's, and being at present occupied in doing the same at A.U.C. Vim and vitality are his watchwords, and where Mr. Rushworth collects, things begin to move, as everyone will testify who has—and has not—worked with him on numerous councils, bodies and committees, among which we might mention Men's House, Grad. Ball and Social Committees, besides important official (and unofficial) positions connected with Tournament. He is also an authority on tobacco, Douglas Credit, theology and politics.

### R. F. Spragg.

Grammar Old Boys will remember in Bob Spragg an enthusiastic sergeant-major and a vigorous member of the school choir. The two vices thus early manifested have persisted. Bob is one of those men whom people look at and then say, "Britain's strength lies in her Navy." His vocal successes are many and varied. He knows more about Gilbert than Sullivan did, and his "Erald and the Star" shook the musical world to its foundations. At A.U.C. he is a devotee of Prof. Belshaw.

### R. S. Stacey, M.A.

Secretary. Refusing to accept the warning of Mr. Haslam's debility, Mr. Stacey volunteered to fill the secretary's position. Mt. Albert Grammar School takes an unjustified pride in calling him an old boy. At A.U.C. he has strolled through an Arts course, becoming a magister in 1932. The Football Club has practically worked round him in the past few years, and members of the Auckland Rugby Union wait upon him for permission to include his name in rep. teams. His favourite hobby is collecting Blues, of which he hopes he will soon have sufficient to paper his little nest.

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WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 25th, 1933.

### EDITORIAL.

AN editorial suggests, naturally enough, an editor, and, perhaps not so naturally, a subject upon which the aforementioned editor can dilate. This article boasts neither, i.e., neither an editor, qua editor, nor a subject, qua subject (if you see what I mean). The obvious inference must be that this, therefore, is not an editorial. To which we reply that it is not an editorial, qua editorial. But as the title appears above it, it is obvious that something must be done. In an emergency of this description it is usual to follow custom blindly and trust to luck. The custom of editorials being naturally to complain about something, the safest course appears to find some grievance, preferably literary, and give vent to it. The present editor, as above pointed out, is not a real editor at all, and is entirely ignorant of all forms of literary controversy and grievances pertaining thereto. He is consequently incapable of hurling invective at Middleton Murry, or attacking the position of G. B. Shaw. He contents himself, therefore, with airing his own little grievances in connection with "Craccum."

As to the quality of material submitted for publication, he cannot—in fairness to those who actually have written—with any sense of decency, complain. But the lack of active interest and co-operation in the production of this unofficial magazine is, to say the least, deplorable. Before this article—which we have claimed, despite its title, is not an editorial—descends into a wail of distress, the unfortunate individual who is held responsible for the production of "Craccum," welcomes the opportunity which his position affords of passing a vote of severe editorial censure on those who might have done a little towards brightening up this magazine, but who preferred to stand by and wait. Terms and degree are so close at hand that it is futile to hope the matter will arouse much interest at the present time. But it is surely permissible to point out that "Craccum" sets out primarily to be the organ of the A.U.C. Students' Association, and not the production of three or four good-natured men.

The Editor bows. Thank you!

### "KIWI."

THE official magazine of the Auckland University College is generally published during the last week of the second term. This year, owing to a chain of circumstances, over most of which we have no control, "Kiwi" has been delayed considerably. Prospective purchasers may be assured that this year's edition, besides being the largest on record, will be fully up to the standard of previous "Kiwis." It is hoped it will be on sale by 30th October.

## COURT OF CONVOCATION.

THE annual welcome of new graduates to the Court of Convocation took place on Monday, 11th September, in the Women's Common Room. The occasion was marked by no particular strife, except what was entailed in the change of presidents. Mr. A. K. Turner vacated the chair, which was immediately filled—for better or for worse—by Mr. A. B. Thompson.

The usual meaningless platitudes were exchanged. The new-comers to the Court of Convocation seem to have been received without suspicion and almost without distaste.

The most entertaining feature of the evening was the supper, though Mr. A. B. Thompson's song ran it very close.

It is interesting to note that the Rev. M. G. Sullivan, though present, did not make a speech.

## COMMERCE SOCIETY.

### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

THE twentieth Annual General Meeting of the A.U.C. Commerce Students' Society was held in the Accountancy Lecture Room on the 20th September. Mr. L. W. Holt presided and about twenty-five members were present.

The accounts adopted showed a slight decrease in the balance in hand. It was pointed out, however, that this was due to the reduction of the grant from the Students' Association, and that expenses had been considerably reduced as compared with last year.

A tribute was paid to the President, Mr. A. M. Seaman, who retired after nine years in office. Mr. Seaman has long had the interests of the Society at heart and it was with considerable regret that the meeting learned of his decision not to stand for re-election.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the retiring Executive Chairman, Mr. B. C. Bell, who has been an enthusiastic and hard-working member of the committee for the past four years.

It was recommended that during the coming year some special function should be held to mark the occasion of the Society's twenty-first anniversary, and it was suggested that earlier members of the Society should be asked to co-operate.

The following officers were elected:—

**President:** Mr. L. W. Holt.

**Vice-Presidents:** Dr. H. Belshaw, Dr. E. P. Neale, Mr. A. M. Seaman, and ex officio the President of the Auckland Chamber of Commerce and the Chairman of the local branch of the New Zealand Society of Accountants.

**Hon. Secretary:** Mr. J. B. Hardcastle.

**Hon. Treasurer:** Mr. C. D. Robinson.

**Hon. Auditor:** Mr. H. G. Robinson.

**Committee:** Misses M. Gray, V. Gunthorp, Messrs. A. D. Thomson, A. S. Broun, L. S. Drake and R. F. Spragg.

## CORRESPONDENCE.

To the Editor,  
Dear Sir,

It seems that one of the main functions of your paper is to draw attention to any conduct in the College, which requires amendment.

No doubt you will agree with me, that a considerable degree of the benefit derived from exercises and essays, lies in the comments placed thereon by the lecturer. However, this benefit is entirely lost when the comments are written in a hand which is absolutely unreadable.

This position has arisen in one of the departments of the College, and is causing considerable inconvenience apparently to the head of that department, as well as to the students.

I have no doubt that the mere pointing out of this by your paper will have the desired effect, even if the Council has to impose a writing test as one of the conditions of appointment of members of the staff.

Yours, etc.,  
Penman.

To the Editor,  
Dear Sir,

I wonder if it is possible through your columns to bring forward a matter which affects all men students. I refer to the question of the furniture in the Men's Common Room. I sincerely believe that the great majority of men students are anxious to treat their furniture with care. It is in the interests of sensible students to preserve that which contributes to their comfort. But the fact remains that there are a certain number of chaps who, through carelessness or deliberate vandalism, abuse the very fine set of furniture with which we have been supplied. I feel quite sure that not one of the men concerned would think of jumping with hobnailed boots on the furniture in his home. It is surely, not too much to ask that they should observe the same restraint in regard to our chesterfields and chairs at 'Varsity. I am afraid I have no constructive plan to suggest as to how the furniture could be protected. I can only make a humble appeal to those who are responsible for the damage done, to respect the wishes of their less boisterous brethren.

Yours, etc.,  
Undergrad.

## FAREWELL TO JACK MULGAN.

A COFFEE evening was held on Monday, 2nd October, to farewell Jack Mulgan, who left for England on the 7th. He will take up residence at Merton College, Oxford. Jack is known to most students as a sound English scholar, a keen footballer, a good boxer, a playwright, an energetic and conscientious worker in the interests of the Varsity, and a jolly good chap. Our loss is Oxford's gain. We hope that Jack will have as successful and happy a career at Merton as he has had at A.U.C.

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## DEBATING DEBACLE.

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MANY students, I might perhaps be justified in saying the majority of students, are unaware of a grave charge which has been laid at our door by an important academic body. Members of this University College have at odd times been accused, justly or unjustly, of swearing, drinking, swotting, producing plays, driving through arcades, suppressing riots, and various other crimes as occasion demanded. In the almost forgotten past it was even said that they held processions through the city, and actually behaved riotously at Capping Ceremony.

But hitherto we have been held, as a body, free of the charge of embezzlement. We have gloried in the aptitude of our slogan, "To be poor is honest and to be honest is poor." But now this last pillar of our respectability has been knocked from under us. For, like a bolt from the blue, comes the astonishing accusation of theft. Here is the whole sad story.

It was on a wintry evening in the momentous year 1908, which historians will remember by the coincidence of its following 1907 and coming just before 1909, that the Auckland Debating Society sat in solemn conclave and feigned interest while two teams debated the advisability of abolishing the horse-trams. Suddenly there was a

breathless hush as the president entered. Tragedy was written all over his face. In fact, it was plainly visible to all that the typesetter had displaced his nose in his effort to make the word symmetrical. Pausing dramatically at the door, the president broke the aching silence.

"Gentlemen," he said, "the worst has happened."

"What!" gasped the leader of the affirmative, "Six o'clock already?"

"No," moaned the president dejectedly, "It has disappeared."

There was an awed silence while the full horror of the situation slowly dawned on the gloomy gathering.

"Sir," said the secretary, clenching his chair so tightly that his knuckles burst out in three or four places, "is it permissible to ask what has disappeared?"

"You wife and the butler?" suggested the leader of the negative, timidly.

"No, worse, far worse," was the broken reply. "The pride of our possession, the glory of our grandfathers, the envy of—"

"What!" shouted the secretary, springing to his feet and attention, "Not the—"

"Yes," snarled the president, grinding his teeth and spitting the powder into his cigarette case.

Once again the great auditorium rang with a brooding silence that rent the air like a sword. Not in the most horrible of their nightmares had they dreamed of such a catastrophe. With a brotherliness that spoke more than a dozen

Britannicas, the leaders of the affirmative and negative clasped hands and apologised for their interchange of personalities.

"We shall see," sneered the president, clenching those of his teeth which remained unground, "We shall see."

Upon which gloomy note the meeting broke up, its members rushing off into suicide, parricide, matricide, infanticide, insecticide, matrimony, insanity and parliament.

The scene now changes to Mt. Eden gaol fourteen years later. What is that diabolical face peering through the bars? Surely it is not our old friend the president. It is. Otherwise we shouldn't have mentioned it. And who is this hoary, grey-beard who comes to visit him? Good! You have guessed that it is the secretary.

"Sir," babbles the secretary, "you will be released to-morrow."

A seraphic smile spreads over the president's face, dislodging cakes of accumulated dirt.

"You have discovered?"

"Yes. Your innocence is established. The perpetrators of the dastardly crime have been discovered. The cup was stolen by stupid students, copped by the cursed College, removed," his voice rises in an agonising crescendo, "by the unprincipled University."

"Sir," murmurs the warden, "you bungled your last alliteration."

"Thank God," crawls the president, deftly pole-axing a fellow convict, "I have done my duty."

And this, in brief, is the true and accurate account of how the Athenaeum Cup was lost and found. Detectives are at present engaged in seeking the motive which was responsible for this ghastly crime. Our own view is that a master cup-thief, having by some foul means secured a hold on one of our debating students, forced him to secrete the cup in his waistcoat pocket, against the time when he, the arch-criminal, could collect it. Overcome with shame and remorse, the young student hurled the offending article in the nearest fire, which was naturally in the women's common room, the men, even in those early days, being denied all human comfort. The following morning the cup was found in its ashy bed by Mrs. Odd, who with that kindly consideration and interest in the welfare of the College which has always marked her out as the Students' Friend, decided to cover up all traces by hiding the body in the biscuit cupboard. There it lay forgotten for over twenty-five years, until one day an avid diner demanded a fresh biscuit, and the whole loathsome secret was laid bare.

This theory ignores certain details of time and space. But as we said, it is only our own view. We await your improvements.

## RHODES NOMINEES.

THE Professorial Board has this year nominated three men for consideration as Rhodes Scholarship candidates. In Messrs. Haslam, Lewis and Sutherland, A.U.C. is confident that it sends forward gentlemen as worthy of Rhodes' visions as can be found in New Zealand.

Heartly congratulations and best wishes for the final selection.

## TRAMPING CLUB.

THE Auckland Railway Station—3 p.m., August 19th—bustle, confusion, large crowds, strange faces, lost tickets—definitely embarrassing. Then at last, with a shrill whistling and a scurrying of attendant porters, the train moved out with 24 members of the Tramping Club for National Park.

A confused impression of smoke and dust—of eating at a procession of refreshment rooms—then being decanted at National Park Station with the thermometer bumping on the bottom—porters apologising for lost luggage—then the long motor drive—and then bed. And what a bed!

So for nine days, terms and degree were forgotten—there was no time for that. You woke in time for breakfast—almost; you donned innumerable woolly garments and sallied forth into a world of ephemeral snow and ice. Then your pack got heavy and your boots heavier and there was no time for thought until you crawled up the last slope and tottered to the blessed window gasping, "Weak, please, and no sugar."

As for skiing—it was quite simple. You remembered to lock the knees; to put the weight this way and that way and it was all right—till you sat down. Despairing cries of "Lean forward—forward—for—no back! I told you so." "Hey, get off the track!" and the plaintive little voice, "Please, who pays for the broken skis?"

Then the tramp home and the hot, hot bath. The prolonged dinner—with its Pukeonake and Lifted Stems, its Ketataki Pudding and its Ski Straws—finishing just in time to listen to Deane Waretini singing one of his marvellous Maori songs. Memories of that singing will remain long after the rest is forgotten. And, when at some not too early hour of the morning, a weary party laboriously climbed the stairs to its various rooms, there was only the thought of the morrow and "Oh, wasn't Frankie a scream to-night?"—and nothing more.

And so our time came to an end and we left, hoping that next year we will be on the screen in the Cinema looking just as good as other parties gone before.

—ESSEYEM.

(I do wish the railway seats were a bit softer.)

## CONGRATULATIONS.

"Craccum" extends heartiest congratulations to the students and staff of the Training College on their very excellent and finished production of the "Pirates of Penzance."

## JUBILEE BOOK.

STUDENTS are reminded that copies of the Jubilee Book are still available in the Library. There are two prices—3/6 for Art Paper binding and 6/6 for Board. The book contains much valuable and interesting material dealing with the College since its inception, sketches by Minnhinnick, photographs and portraits.

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## EXAMINATIONS.

THE close of our academic year brings with it once more the old vexed question of examinations, their use and abuse, their necessity or superfluity. The older generation accepted the examination with comparative equanimity: in some shape or form it had been handed down by our forefathers, and like the study of the Classics had been sanctified by tradition. But the newer generation, imbued as it is with the craze for questioning all things, has learned to criticise time-honoured institutions and destroy what is displeasing in them. In an age when Latin and Greek have been practically compelled to beg for their retention in the curriculum, and when the super-efficient modern teacher retains them soullessly as "disciplinary" subjects, it is scarcely likely that an institution so firmly entrenched as the examination should be passed over without question. And so twentieth century educational authorities have found a fruitful source of polemic in the criticism and support of the exam. system.

The examination must at the outset be divided into two classes—internal and external. Most critics of the latter agree upon the necessity of the former. Some form of accomplishment test is obviously necessary. Sir Michael Sadler points out that examinations are the English destiny. "There is some truth in the assumption that an impartial test of intellectual attainment, conducted by an external authority which is unbiassed in judgment and unembarrassed by any fear of losing its customers, is indirectly a test of the industry and purposefulness of the candidates and an audit of some aspects of the competence of their teachers. . . . Examinations fit in with English psychology—with the state of mind which wants to be sure that teachers and pupils are doing their work up to a decent level, which believes in prodding the careless and indolent, which does not take very seriously the risk of intellectual over-pressure."

There are several aspects in the expression of this opinion which must be borne in mind when we criticise our system of sending advanced and honours papers to England for marking. In this way we hope to obtain an impartial and unbiassed judgment made without fear of consequences. Even a remote English examiner, however, may tend to regard his work too subjectively. There is the well-authenticated story of the professor who made out model answers to his own examination questions, and, when these answers became inadvertently mixed with those of the candidates, the professor was unanimously failed by an impartial board of examiners. The external examination is always liable to a certain amount of instability. The examiner cannot be held responsible for feeling better disposed towards his candidates at some moments than at others, and his own personal views, when encountered in a paper, always make a disproportionately favourable impression.

The obvious alternative to the external examination is the system of accrediting, by which we should be granted a section of degree for an honest year's work on the recommendation of our own professors and lecturers. The advantages of such a scheme are obvious and will

be readily appreciated by such students as are not gifted with that priceless quality, "an examination temperament." Unfortunately its disadvantages are equally obvious, when each professor is made the arbitrary authority of his subject, and the level of attainment becomes different in every college.

The Universal distaste for examinations has been the cause of much recent research on the subject, with the result that extensive experimentation is being carried out with what is called the "New Examination." There is no space here to discuss the New Examination. This article, in fact, did not set out to be a discussion on examinations in general, but was intended to be a few thoughts, namely degree exams., which are at present nearest our thoughts, namely degree exams. shortly to take place. We should, however, remind those who decry examinations in any shape or form that no satisfactory substitute has yet been found for what is therefore still a necessary evil in the scheme of things. We are tempted to suspect that those who lift up their voices highest in protest do so from a loathing of the hard work which examinations entail. Lucretius says, "ardud dum metuunt amittunt vera viam."

And we believe that no subject can be thoroughly appreciated nor its fundamental truths realised until the real spade work has been done. To ensure the honesty of the spade work and guarantee the full enjoyment of subsequent power, nothing serves so well as the examination. —E.D.

## MEN'S HOUSE COMMITTEE

THE Men's House Committee this year consists of: J. B. Rushworth (Chairman), J. D. Lewis (Secretary), A. Broun, T. H. Wilson, P. Blair, C. T. Cave, B. E. Rudman and H. C. Garlick.

A fair assortment of reading matter is provided in the Reading Room. The "Times' Literary Supplement" has just been changed for the "New Statesman and Nation." The House Committee would welcome any suggestion in regard to these publications. Mr. Wilson has taken over the management of Ping Pong and is preparing an attractive programme for the coming year; all interested in this sport should make Mr. Wilson's acquaintance.

Letters unclaimed after a fortnight will be removed from the rack, and if unclaimed after a further fortnight will be returned to the Post Office. Any students wishing to have mail re-addressed should communicate with Mr. Blair, or the Secretary.

A small number of lockers, in the main building and in the Common Room, are available for hire; and any locker holder may obtain two steel bars and screws free from the Secretary or Mr. Cave; the bars are to reinforce the grating fronts. Users of the Common Room are requested to refrain from walking, stepping, or even jumping on the furniture. Any one is at liberty without prejudice to kick anybody who does so indulgently.

## THE PIERIAN SPRING.

You shall hear how little Archie  
Joined our lowly, grateful college,  
He the bravest of all freshers,  
He the light of Auckland Grammar.  
Sad the school he left behind him,  
Glad the varsity he honoured.  
But he knew that youthful pleasures  
He must now for all abandon.  
No more shine as wing three-quarter  
Captain of his team of stalwarts,  
But must henceforth knuckle under.  
Keep his nose upon the grindstone,  
Burn the studious oil till midnight.  
His degree was all important.  
So the office he encountered,  
Braved its gloom and all its terrors,  
Interviewed the Registrar man,  
He the bravest of all freshers,  
Paid his fees in six instalments.  
Joined the august student body  
Mulcted of one golden guinea  
Earnestly he started lectures,  
Learned of every Prof. his secrets.  
How Prof. Max could waggle neatly,  
Cunningly the subtle bowl, and  
How Prof. Egie crumpled swiftly  
When addressed as Charlie darling;  
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Dreamed of Rome and Latin syntax,  
Horace, and the unrelated  
Participle. Next he went to  
A. B. Thompson, who regaled him  
With a chatty, witty story  
Of the life of the amoeba,  
How it passes its existence  
Rampant on a ripe banana.  
Wherefore in his student days, he,  
That is, he the glorious A.B.,  
Chose upon his crest to put it.  
Then our little hero Archie,  
He the bravest of all freshers,  
Filled with all the precious know-  
ledge

Thus acquired from many sources  
Sat for his examination.  
Gaily blithe the room he entered,  
Blithely gay he faced his paper,  
Gaily blithely took his coat off  
Rolled his sleeves and squared his  
shoulders.  
Slowly, sadly blitheness left him,  
Sadly, slowly all hope faded.  
Not a word on the amoeba,  
Overlooked Horatian syntax,  
Even morals could not help him.  
Now a tombstone tells his story,  
Tells to every guileless fresher  
That a patient dumb devotion  
To the priceless pearls of wisdom  
Sometimes fails to find its object.  
—L.W.H.

## BLUES DANCE.

THE second term was brought to a social close with the Blues Dance, which took place on Saturday, 12th August. During the evening, the Young Cup for Inter-faculty football, was presented to the Architects, who proved too strong for all opposition. A presentation was also made to the Rev. M. G. Sullivan, retiring president of the Students' Association, this operation unfortunately necessitating speeches on the part of Messrs. Milliken, Crawley, and the above-mentioned Sullivan. The latter gentleman presented the Blues, giving many recipients the realisation of their long-cherished ambition to shake his hand. The evening was further marred by the necessity of an address by Mr. J. N. Wilson. Otherwise, the dance was extremely enjoyable. The supper, which was provided mainly by women students, was most successful.

Among those present we noticed Miss Dorothea Mulgan, who made her last University appearance before sailing for the Old Country; Miss Phoebe Norris (complete with bob); Miss Betty Warren, Miss Ruth Macky, Miss Marie Wood (with the inevitable Ron), and others too numerous to mention.

A noteworthy feature of this year's function was that several Blues were actually present.

## INTER-VARSITY NEWS SERVICE.

CANTA has brought forward a proposal to establish a central news service for the four colleges. The idea is that each college should send items of general interest, local politics, gossip, etc., to a central depot, in the meantime to be situated in Christchurch and run by the publications staff of C.U.C., where contributions will be edited and redistributed for publication in the four unofficial magazines. There is at present too great a lack of cohesion between the colleges. V have few points of contact except Tournament and such communication as is brought about by the efforts of N.U.S. The central news service is a praiseworthy attempt to remedy this defect and bring to every student a realisation of the fact that he is a member of the University of New Zealand.

## WOMEN'S HOCKEY.

THE Women's Hockey Club entered three teams in the Collegiate Association this year. The Senior A. has played seven matches—won 5, won 1 by default, and lost 2.

The games lost were against Training College A. 2—0, and Epsom Grammar 2—1, and both games were very close; the game against Epsom Grammar was in doubt throughout, and only lost in the last five minutes. The team finishes third for the year.

The Senior B. have lost all their matches and the Junior have won only one.

Misses Allen, Hall, McConkey and Munro played for the Collegiate Association in country week, and Miss McConkey played for Auckland against New South Wales.

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sherry  
And who will provide us a flat,  
And when we will start to get  
merry,  
Pray, what can you tell me of  
that?

Let every man drink as he chooses,  
Whatever he wishes to bring,  
And, since you're a friend of the  
Muses,  
Pray give us some sings we may  
sing.

Let chorus be piled upon chorus,  
Let mug and glass help them  
along,  
Till the moon shall grow paler  
before us,  
And the rooster shall rival our  
song.

We will worry no longer what art  
meant  
But turn our attention to jazz,  
Till the man in the next door  
apartment  
Loses what temper he has.

Then doubt not, I pray you, nor  
dally,  
But fetch us a keg of home brew,  
And you may make love to your  
Sally,  
While I will disport me with Sue.  
—D.H.M.

I love to think of you as near me  
When the rain and winter snows  
descend  
Coming with winter fires to cheer  
me,  
Spurning the snows,  
Coming more lovely than the rose—  
Oh, love, could you but hear me  
When the rain and winter snows  
descend.

You, who were fairer than all  
things,  
More distant than the skies  
And lovelier than the thought that  
brings you  
Back before my eyes.

You knew I loved you and you  
smiled  
And laughing went your way,  
Lovely and fair and undefiled,  
And so to-day,  
The chill of winter in the air  
Has made me long for you  
And love again, as when the days  
were fair.  
Oh, loved one, will you not hear me  
Nor be near me  
When the rain and winter snows  
descend?

**ROMEO IN THE GARDEN.**

Oh, moonshine and starshine, oh,  
warm, soft blue of night  
Who keepest Juliet's rose-bud heart  
in thine,  
I cry to thee, I cry to thee,  
Make it mine—  
Oh, spill thy voiceless melody, thy  
sea-deep silence,  
Into my heart,  
That her soul and my soul  
May never part;  
Oh, weave thy star-threaded  
mysteries  
In silver spun,  
That her soul and my soul  
May be as one.

—I.W.L.

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Stark branches twined across white  
winter skies,  
The leaves all dead  
And drifting—ghosts of dreams  
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And, then, beyond, the silent rose-  
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## FOOTBALL.

SENIOR A team is bracketed with Ponsonby and Marist teams for the A.R.U. championship.

Senior B team was placed third in the B Section Competition.

All junior teams did moderately well, and as several senior players are retiring this year, there will be opportunities for promising juniors to gain places in the A team.

The Club entered two Senior teams, two Second Grade, one Third Grade Open and one Third Grade Intermediate teams in the A.R.U. competitions.

The following players gained N.Z. blues for matches played with the Australian Universities:—Bush, Caughey, Milliken, Drake, Stacey, Mulvihill, Anderson.

The following gained Auckland rep. honours:—

A. Section: Bush, Caughey (also North Island), Milliken, Drake, Mulvihill, Anderson, Kedgley.

B. Section: Lewis, Armitage, Boswell.

## HARRIER CLUB.

ALTHOUGH it has not had quite such a successful season as last year, when it was the largest club in the province, the Harrier Club has had a very satisfactory and thoroughly enjoyable season. A splendid spirit has prevailed throughout the club, and although the average attendance of 30 was smaller than last year, the members have been a great deal keener, and many scarcely missed a run during the season. The club was third in the inter-club teams' race, and fourth in the Auckland Championships. The best individual performer was H. E. Carter, who showed splendid form to win the club championship in his first season. A. Hooper, H. T. Jellie, and L. B. Stuart were very consistent, and competition for places in the club team was the keenest it has ever been. The principle, that the object of harrier running, is primarily to keep fit has been kept well to the fore, and all types of runners have been catered for, so that the indifferent, and even the poor runner has been able to get just as much enjoyment from the sport as the more experienced performer.

## BASKET BALL.

THIS season has been an exceptionally successful one for the Basket Ball Club. Four teams were entered in the Auckland Basket Ball Association's Competitions; University Blue and University White in the Senior Grade, the Colts in Section 2 of the Senior Grade, and the fourth team in the Senior B. Grade.

The Blues team was successful in winning the Senior Championship, being the only team to go through the competition unbeaten. The Edendale team, which was runner-up, was beaten three times, so that the Blues won the cup by the substantial margin of six points. The brilliant individual play and splendid combination of the centres contributed greatly to the success of the Blues' team.

The Whites' team showed marked improvement as the season advanced and finished fourth in the championship. Although the Colts team did not come out very near the top of its section, the standard of play was considerably higher than last year. It is the Senior B team, however, which deserves the greatest commendation. In the past this team has usually been regarded as more or less of a joke, and most of its members were accustomed to turn out only when they could find nothing better to do. This year, owing to the enthusiasm of the Freshers, of whom the team was mainly composed, the Senior B has rarely had to play short, and even when defeated has given the opposing team a good, sporting game.

Seven members of the Blues team, I. Cliffe, M. Deighton, G. Gardner, N. Jacombs, P. Norris, M. Shaw and I. Stuart were selected to represent Auckland at the New Zealand Tournament at Gisborne. The Auckland team won the New Zealand Cup, and three University players, I. Cliffe, N. Jacombs and I. Stuart, played for the North Island.

Two other members of the Blues team, B. Campbell and R. Perez, were members of the Auckland B team which defeated the Wellington B team at Auckland. N. Jones was also to be tried for this team if she had not been away for the vacation.

The officers of the Club hope to enter the same number of teams in the Association competitions next season, and trust that the present standard of play will be maintained.

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## TENNIS CLUB.

THE Annual General Meeting of the Tennis Club was held on September 22nd., about 30 members being present.

The Report presented to the meeting made special mention of the fact that two of the chip courts had been relaid in Colfax, at a cost of over £50. For several years now the chip courts have broken up badly in the summer, and it will be a good day for the club when all the courts have been resurfaced. The two new courts compare favourably with any asphalt courts in Auckland, so that members of the club are offered first-class playing conditions.

In his address the President, Mr. A. K. Turner, while regretting his inability to offer his services to the club again as President, expressed his pleasure at having been able to take an active part in the negotiations for relaying the two courts, and urged the incoming Committee and club members generally not to rest content till all the chip courts had been permanently resurfaced. While regretting the Club's decline in playing strength in the past few seasons, he paid tribute to the spirit of keenness in the Club, and sug-

gested one or two ways in which that keenness could be turned to best account, emphasising especially the importance of coaching promising young players.

After the presentation of trophies to the winners of Club Championships, and some general discussion, the following officers were elected:

**President:** Mr. J. Nigel Wilson.

**Vice-Presidents:** Miss L. Robertson, Professor Bartrum, Dr. Briggs, Mr. W. T. G. Airey, Mr. A. K. Turner.

**Club Captain:** Mr. J. P. Glenie.

**Secretary and Treasurer:** Mr. T. H. Wilson.

**Committee:** Misses G. G. Gardner and R. Taylor, Messrs. J. W. Gunn, A. D. Thomson and S. R. Walton.

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