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EDITORIAL

IS THE DEPRESSION OVER?

Where did it get off, or, Did the Labour Government give it its Running Shoes?

The beginning of the College year is always a period of welcome—welcome of student friends, welcome of freshers (an important unavoidable business which freshers and others are instructed to enjoy.) But can we welcome back Prosperity? We have not heard of any infallible standards by which Depression and Prosperity may be gauged. Doubtless the School of Commerce or any well-bred student of the Commerce Society would inform you that the balance of supply and demand is the root of the whole trouble. More demand, more prosperity, they say. But it always seems to me that the Government demands more in the way of taxes according as it is the more depressed—i.e., flattened, or flat broke. But we are getting away from commercial terms. No Commerce student is ever "flat broke"—rather, he never speaks of himself as being "flat broke" even when he is, which he doubtless is very often. And when he isn't, he still doesn't say that he is.

Anyhow, we have one indication that things are definitely on the mend. The Government has made the magnificent gesture of restoring the salary of Training College students to something approximating the old level—£70. Students! Did you or did you not vote for the Labour Government? We very much fear that you didn't, because A.U.C. is still in a mess. Why! You say Craccum is being printed for the first time since 1934—surely that is an infallible sign of returning prosperity. Please be disillusioned. You are being asked to buy Craccum because it contains information which will not be given free or sold to you for a penny in the Handbook.

Ladies and Gentlemen: The Handbook is defunct. Formerly obtained in the Cafeteria, latterly sold (in enormously small numbers) for 1d., the A.U.C. Handbook has served its purpose and traversed its natural path to gradual extinction. The thing was not destined to become a tradition, occupying an unforgettable place in the life of A.U.C. (contrast the last page re wills and legacies). But the Students' Association, with customary foresight, have wisely preserved a few copies of previous years in order that you may obtain them, if so desired, as Souvenirs. We advise you to be early before our limited stocks are sold out. The price—Special Prosperity Price—is 3d.

This now brings us to the question of Depression and the University. Why are we the last to recover? When will Bursaries be re-

stored to their full value? When will National Scholarships be restored in Secondary Schools? When will the Staff receive more assistance in the way of salary and lecturers (chiefly salary)? These are questions which make us realise that the depression, even if it has passed, has left its mark. It has caused economies which look like being permanent. We cannot quarrel with certain of these economies. The mentality of a full-time student who lowers himself to correspond with the Editor of Craccum, or to contribute tripe which will not and cannot be accepted elsewhere, is, for instance, about good enough to warrant him, probably her, holding a Bursary which pays no more than half fees up to £10. On the other hand, it is desirable that a perfectly genuine Training College student on £70 a year should receive full fees up to £11. Here, in the case of the full-time 'Varsity student we have—Depression; and in the case of a part-time Training College student—Prosperity. Isn't that just too bad. When times were rotten they had too many teachers and not enough full-time 'Varsity students. Now when times are better, they still want too many teachers—say they can't get enough—and they discourage full-time students.

Another good thing the Depression did was to make 'Varsity students study. In 1930 you couldn't see a friend to yarn with, in the whole library—not that talking is prohibited—so it is—but nobody ever did any swat in the good old days of carnival plays. In 1935 you were lucky to find a spare seat on the top floor unoccupied by a second-year full-time woman (as often as not wearing an undergrad. gown). The Depression made students swat. It also effectively killed all the life in the place. What present-day student knows anything about Carnival Plays, Processions, Capping Rags, Hotcha Tournaments, Crack Representative Teams, enthusiastic Sports Clubs?

The place is dead!!! Will the returning prosperity of 1936 see less swat and more what not? We cannot advise you to swat less and fool more, because that is not what our conscience tells us to do. (Even Craccum has a conscience.) But we can put it this way: Don't do any more swat (that is, more than you used to) and see if you can make a bit more noise (not in lectures) but by writing to Craccum, playing for your 'Varsity Clubs, training for Tournament, assisting respectable (?) members of the Hongi Club, buying Kiwi, dining in the Cafeteria, and asking for a free Calendar in the College Office. (Note that these hints do not apply to freshers alone.); and also by voting at elections.

Your worthy Executive has done all in its power to revitalise the Sporting and Social Life of the College. To take two obvious examples, it has decided—

(1) To institute an Inter-faculty Tournament comprising Tennis, Athletics, Swimming, etc., etc., and Ping-Pong—we're sorry—Table Tennis.

(2) To call the Ping-Pong room once more the "Billiard Room."

The first worthy outcome of this worthy project was the formation of a worthy Arts Society. This worthy Faculty has been without a society all these years. And the Studass considered that very unworthy, considering the consideration which the Science, Law, Commerce, Engineering and Architectural Societies obtain for themselves.

All students being ipso facto members of a certain Faculty are now ditto ipso facto members of the respective Societies. So please pretend to be interested and pay your £1/1/- student's fee promptly, knowing that it all goes in a good cause just as much as the College fee. Help your faculty somehow. If you can't run you can swim or box. If you can't play Tennis or Basketball, you can at least play Football or Hockey. If none of these, you can give Ping-Pong a buck and have a shot at Shooting.

If you're no good at any of these, there's always Debating left, and, failing that, the Harriers. We presume that if you're a mug at all these you're hopeless at Rowing and Cricket. We can't offer you competition in anything else; but we still have room for you in the S.C.M., E.S.F., International Relations Club, Field Club and Music Club. Even in these Clubs you will meet others better than yourself—perhaps! As a last resort there is the Literary and Dramatic Club.

If you have read as far as this you are meant to gather that we want you to join as many Clubs and Societies as possible. Some of them are described in this issue of Craccum. The others will be described in later issues.

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CORRESPONDENCE

The Editor, "Craccum."

Sir,—I am writing because I think I have been sold. That is, after having struggled through a degree and laudably attained my object, I am compelled to pay £1 1/- to accept it. Feeling sore at this unnecessary extortion, I naturally sought consolation from a friend who, I knew, had had to pay likewise. Imagine my surprise when he told me he had to pay considerably more. Surely a graduate who has honoured his University by gaining a degree should not be fined, as it were, for accepting it. You would almost imagine the culprit being brought before the court and charged with obtaining a degree. "B.A., that'll be one guinea." "Next case please." "Oh! L.L.B., very serious offence! That'll be £5 5/-." We know all lawyers are scoundrels, of course, but why are music graduates billed with £7 7/-? Have the authorities heard the Music Club? or do they think the music graduates are responsible for the Carnival plays? Dentists are very laudably charged £7 7/- for their degrees, but surely the poor Bachelor in Forestry Science, or Engineering, or Architecture, is a sufficiently harmless member of the community. Yet they, too, are handed their degree only when they cough up the £7 7/-—as also Agriculture, Chemistry and Medicine graduates. I feel, sir, that a little ventilation of anomalies such as these would make our self-satisfied holders of degrees think a little more about practical problems. For a doctorate, one is asked to pay £15 15/-. I am not complaining of this. I have no ambitions in that direction. Doctors can fight their own battles. Anyway it's pure swank.

I am, etc.,

"INJURED."

Sir,—I am a champion of our 'Varsity women-folk. It has been my ill fortune to hear disparaging remarks about them from time to time. I therefore put forward in all seriousness the following suggestions: (a) That we men-folk have no reason to consider ourselves so very impressive; (b) That judging by our Common Rooms we are decidedly inferior. We must remember that it is a man's privilege to do all the asking and take the initiative. It is we who all along, are on the good wicket. If we are dissatisfied the fault must lie with us. To test my statements I would like to propose that the Women's House Committee institute this year a Leap Year drive. This would mean that the women could choose their own partners for coffee evenings and dances. Such a procedure might bring home to us that as a collection we are as motley as any. I hope at any rate that the girls have not forgotten it is Leap Year.—I am, etc.,

"SAFELY MARRIED."

CONTRIBUTORS TO CRACCUM

Articles and letters must bear the writer's signature, though for the very necessary protection of the contributors anonymity will be preserved when desired. Craccum is a golden opportunity to palm off any old stuff. Take it.

When next you catch your finger In the door or in the wringer, Purse your lips, don't be a winner, You might have chewed the end off in the mincer.

They sent me to clean all the rifles, So I did them in pairs; they were trifles.

But two with a load Had the cheek to explode, And I landed a couple of eyefuls.

THE STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION

Students! and all others who maintain the floating population of 'Varsity:

Do you know who runs your finances, deals out Coffee Evenings, supplies locker keys, and occasionally lockers, mends the Common Room furniture (now in last stages of exhaustion), prints Craccum and Kiwi, and sends out ugly notices to those who neglect to pay the Studass fee? Well, it is the Executive which you voted in and which you may, if you can find better, vote out. We presume you are ignorant of its personnel, and will introduce them. Please take no notice of the order. It is neither alphabetical nor according to merit (necessarily).

Mr. J. D. Lewis.—Jack Derek holds office as President. He is just returning from Japan, where he has represented N.Z. University at Rugby. In August he goes Home on a Rhodes Scholarship to study classics. We take this opportunity of offering hearty congratulations and hoping that his Japanese will be of use. As athlete and scholar Mr. Lewis is well known, and, anyhow, it would take the whole Craccum to enumerate his accomplishments.

Miss Margaret Shaw.—Her name occurs second, partly because she is Vice-President. She is now in Training College, which means that her cheery presence is likely to be missed in the Women's Common Room. We expect that she will be playing Basketball for 'Varsity, and refereeing the men v. women as usual.

Mr. J. Ricketts.—Jim is likewise Vice-President, but has been forced to leave us for Canterbury, where he has obtained a well-earned position. You would have known him by his proportions. Good work, Jim. Take that waist-line in and don't forget to write to Auntie Sophie while you are away.

Mr. R. F. Spragg.—Bob is to be known first by his hat, and second by his rudeness. He has hollows where friend Jim above had bulges. He stresses two facts. First, he is a part-time student taking Commerce. Second, he is as much responsible as anybody for the present reputation of University dramatic productions. If any Club or Society is hard up for a chairman, he is, incidentally, a very good one.

Mr. E. H. Sealy.—Another old hand. Even the freshers have heard of him. Don't call him by either of his first two names because they might get known in Dunedin where he has obtained a lecturing position. Congratulations also. We find you have left a reputation in Training College. His departure leaves many gaps in 'Varsity circles.

Mr. Postlewaite.—Pos. is Business Manager for Studass. His name has become a byword. You could find Pos. knee deep in bad debts and head over heels in State papers and he would still be smiling. A walking illustration of "Pack up your troubles—"

Miss Margaret Bartrum.—Margaret has a most welcome finger in many pies. Don't ask her to

do too much because she will do it. Known by her flashlight efforts on the basketball court when she pays frequent visits to the ground to bite the dust, but bobs up before you are quite sure she has fallen over—if you get the meaning.

Miss Fiona McKenzie.—Fiona is a musical soul. You can see it in her expression. She keeps harmony in the Exec. room and has a remarkable softening effect upon the rudeness of other members.

Mr. A. P. Blair.—Pat is in charge of Social activities. Did you get an invitation to After Degree Ball? That was a personal letter from Pat which he was frightened to sign. One of his idiosyncrasies is a gramophone. You will know him by his overgrown handkerchief, used as a scarf.

Mr. S. B. Gascoigne.—If Gassy went to America he could outdo Hollywood's idea men. Let him solve all your puzzles. He's an enigma himself.

Miss Edome King-Mason.—Edome is also leaving us. Not that she is fed up, but it's just one of those things that can't be helped. She is the secretary of the Social Committee—no small job. Best of luck when away Edome. Don't let Pat Blair send out any more of his intriguing invitations to College Balls or plaster the walls with cheap ads. for his next show. Fresher's Welcome can get on very well when the secretary alone does the work.

Mr. G. L. Hogben.—If anyone stares at you and gives you the once-over, then snorts and clomps away like a young cart-horse it's Lawrence. Don't expect him to be civil unless you've got brains. Then be careful to agree with him. When the hockey season is on don't invite him to a party.

Mr. L. E. Adams.—Lin is responsible for some of the dull information in this rag. He complains that the hack-work involved in the Portfolio of Publica-

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tions destroys his finer sensibilities and renders them unnoticeable. He greatly annoys people by continually asking for contributions or information, and asks us to prepare you for a type-written notice demanding a serious or comic effort for Kiwi.

Mr. R. S. Jones.—Last, but not least is Ron. He is the hard-working Secretary of Studass, mug enough to take it on for a year. Demands upon his time may cause him to drop the secretaryship later. He is known by

his dexterous manipulation of the common room piano. It is said his magic touch can raise a tune out of the dud notes, and that he once caused Professor Hollinrake to mistake it for a Baby Grand.

Now that you know your Executive as well as we do, you should not have to guess that they do not do all the work. The Men's and Women's House Committees, Social, Publications and Carnival Committees are Sub-Committees of Exec., co-opting outsiders.

COMMITTEES

MEN'S HOUSE COMMITTEE

Chairman: E. H. Sealy.
Treasurer: P. Hackett.
Secretary: C. M. Segedin.
Members: E. C. Brenstrum, G. C. Dalton, A. W. Holland, B. W. Thomas.

Qualifications are:

- (1) Ability to light the Common Room fire without kindling.
- (2) To run so-called smoke concerts.
- (3) To spend good Exec. money on furniture repairs.

The M.H.C. proposes holding a welcome evening for men freshers on the first Friday evening, March 13. (Same night as Women's Welcome—watch for developments).

WOMEN'S HOUSE COMMITTEE

Chairwoman: Miss M. Shaw.
Secretary-Treasurer: Miss F. Mackenzie.

Committee: Publications, Miss M. Bartrum; Lockers, Miss B. Buddie; Common Room, Miss S. Entrican; Pound, Miss C. Hall; Periodicals, Miss W. Lewis; Posters, Miss E. King-Mason; Common Room, Miss S. Paterson.

The Women's House Committee is presided over by the Woman Vice-President of the Student's Association, and its members, two of whom must be members of the Students' Association Executive, and one a Graduate, are elected annually by the women students.

Its function is to exercise control over the women's quarters of the Students' Club House, and it is empowered to make rules and regulations for the management of the Common Room. The Club Room is open from 8 a.m. to 9.30 p.m. from Monday to Friday, and from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday.

Lockers may be obtained from the House Committee member in charge, who will be on duty in the Common Room at certain hours during the first week of term. Freshers are asked to watch the Common Room notice boards for particulars as to these times. Locker charges are—1/- rent, and 2/6 deposit, which will be refunded when the key is finally returned.

Coffee Evenings are held throughout the winter term on Friday evenings. Coffee and biscuits are served, and some form of entertainment is provided. All students, and Freshers in particular are urged to take part in this very important side of 'Varsity's social life.

Freshers Note that an official welcome will be given to all Women Freshers in the Common Room on the 1st Friday of the term, March 13th, at 8 p.m. Please watch notice boards for further particulars.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE

Chairman: A. P. Blair.
Secretary: Miss E. King-Mason.
Treasurer: A. T. B. Hughes.
Members: Misses S. Patterson, F. McKenzie, M. Martin, Messrs. I. McChesney, McGowan, A. Wlyde-Browne, L. Adams, B. Owen, G. Dalton, G. Hole.

The object of the committee is first to put on good Balls and second to make a profit. Of course, the idea of a profit is liable to become a primary motive but it sounds much more philanthropic to put it second. Anyhow a rotten show with a worse supper will never show a profit. The Social Committee knows its business. Did you attend last year's After Degree Ball! Remember what happened when the lights went out as advertised. Was it a grand night? Every Ball this year will be as good. Freshers' Welcome, Graduation Ball, Blues Dance, and After Degree must be held, wet, snow or fine. Come to Freshers' Welcome and make it a welcome. Freshers receive complimentary tickets. You others are specially invited to help the Social Committee pay for them. Don't let us be outdone by this year's Training College Welcome. Something unexpected is guaranteed to take place. Members of the Staff will attend. Do not think this will necessarily be the star item. The date advertised is the second Saturday after term starts—March 21st.

PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE

Chairman: L. E. Adams.
Secretary: Miss P. Lusher.
Members: Misses Lewis, Bartrum, Messrs. McCarthy, Joseph, Postlewaite.

The object of the committee is simply to produce "Kiwi" and to perpetrate "Craccum." Mr. Adams is Editor-in-general for publications. Mr. Joseph is sub-editor of "Craccum." Contributions, letters, complaints, etc. are to be addressed The Editor, "Kiwi," or The Editor, "Craccum," as the case may be. "Craccum" wants you to voice your opinion on anything in and around the College. Hand in the material at least a fortnight before the appearance of the next issue which is for the time being the first Monday of every month. The usual four prizes will be offered for the best contributions in serious and comic prose and verse in "Kiwi." Closing date is June.

INTER-FACULTY SUB-COMMITTEE

This committee has been set up by Exec. to run the Interfaculty sports. Chairman is J. D. Lewis, acting-Chairman, R. F. Spragg; joint Secretaries, G. L. Hogben and S. C. Gascoigne.

SOCIETIES and CLUBS

COMMERCE SOCIETY

The Commerce Society is the Student mouthpiece of the Commerce Faculty. Students of many faculties feel no urge for a means of expression; as a body they are dead! Of course, this is rather lamentable and has, we feel, been at the bottom of most of this lack of university spirit that we hear so much about. However, Commerce students know no prickle of conscience when these complaints are made. Their Society is undoubtedly the most alive student body in the College. Its supremacy has been built up through 21 years hard and continuous work. You see, it dates, and yet it lives. It combines all the energy and enthusiasm of youth with the experience and grandeur of age. It has attained its majority, it has reached its prime and for 1936 sets out still looking upwards to outclass even its success in the past.

What Does it Do?

On the intellectual side of the year's programme there are several lectures of commercial interest by the best speakers that the College and City can give. These addresses are always interesting and of great educational value. The Society undertakes the control and conduct of the Commerce Faculty's entries in the Inter-Faculty Competition. Modesty prevents us from telling you of our predictions regarding this event. Of course, socially the Commerce Society is the shining star of student activities; the Coffee evening a brilliant success; the Mock Meeting a laugh from start till finish; the Ball—well we need tell you nothing about that. It is simply a byword in social entertainment and the criterion of College Balls. And then the Annual Dinner for past and present members. There we sit back and feel the glow of pride which comes from all our achievements. And so even if we do talk a little about ourselves and eat and—er—drink and be merry, we feel that our little conceit is justified.

Freshers in the Commerce Faculty are ipso facto members of the Society. Make sure you attend the Annual General Meeting to be held in Room 6 at 7 p.m. on 18th March, 1936.

SCIENTIFIC SOCIETY

Officers, 1935:

President: Prof. H. S. Forder.
Student Chairman: Mr. A. W. Wylie.
Committee: Misses M. P. Bartum and C. H. C. Hall,
Messrs. A. W. Holland and C. M. Segedin.
Hon. Secretary and Treasurer: Mr. G. S. Harris.

The Scientific Society, one of the oldest in the College, has, as its object the stimulation of interest in all branches of science. As an antidote to the too prevalent custom of mere academic study of science, it merits the support of all students actuated by motives other than "degree-hunting."

During the first and second terms lectures are given on subjects of general scientific interest. These serve not only as a useful adjunct to College work, but also fulfil the highly desirable function of giving students a general acquaintance

with branches of science, pure and applied, which they may otherwise not be studying.

Excursions are held during the second term to places of scientific interest, e.g., Sugar Works, Hydro-generation, Liquid Air plants, Glass Works, Breweries, etc.

The social side is by no means neglected. Supper is served after each meeting, and the Picnic and Coffee Evening run by the Society are certainly to be considered among the best and brightest functions of the College year.

The Scientific Society, as the premier student body of the Science Faculty, has set up an auxiliary committee to deal with such matters as the organisation of the Faculty for the Inter-Faculty sports competition. Further details of this side of the society's activities may be obtained from Mr. S. C. B. Gascoigne or from any member of the committee.

A syllabus of officers and lectures for 1936 will be supplied on request from members of the new committee.

All students, particularly Freshers, are urged to join up. We will be pleased to meet you at the Annual General Meeting which is on Monday, March 16th, in the Science Building at 7.30 p.m., so roll along and have a say in the running of your Society.

ARTS SOCIETY

This is a newly formed body and should do well having mostly full-time members. Mr. G. L. Hogben is Chairman, and Miss P. Lusher Secretary. A provisional committee has been called to elect a committee proper. The constitution of the Society and date of first general meeting is now posted on the College notice-boards.

ARCHITECTURAL SOCIETY

The Society holds lectures fortnightly and all students are invited to attend. The Studio Stampede, a Fancy Dress Ball in the studio, is always an outstanding success—one of the features of social life at A.U.C. Communications are to be addressed to J. L. Mair, c/o. letter rack.

ENGINEERING SOCIETY

The primary object is to arrange lectures by prominent engineers. Meetings are held fortnightly. Information may be obtained from Mr. M. Keys.

LAW SOCIETY

This body promote the interests of law students and aims at providing a channel of communicating between law students and the governing body of the University. Women are not eligible. Meetings in winter months take the form of addresses, argument of cases stated and mock trials. The society is fortunate in having the assistance of senior professional men. The annual Law Ball is a tradition. Inquiries to be addressed: Hon. Secretary, c/o. letter rack.

MUSIC CLUB

President: Prof. H. Hollinrake.
Secretary: Miss Fiona Mackenzie.
Committee: Misses Cora Pater-son, Jean Morton - Smith,
Messrs. A. W. Holland and R. F. Spragg.



"Unparliamentary, Mr. Speaker!"

Two politicians ask each other to have a drink.

1st STATESMAN:

"Having regard to the desirability of refuting any possible suggestion that I might fail to recognise the principle of fulfilling my obligations to our internal requirements and commitments, I have much pleasure in inviting you to entertain the suggestion of indulging in some non-solid refreshment, without prejudice of course, to the possibility of my availing myself of a reciprocal offer."

2nd STATESMAN:

"With due advertance to the undoubted responsibility involved in my agreeing to give favourable consideration to your suggestion, the spirit of which is unequivocally indicative of the harmonious relations which have uninterruptedly obtained between us, I have much pleasure in placing on record my ready agreement to the arrangement outlined. Thank you!!"

"Dublin Opinion."

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This month the Music Club celebrates its first birthday. The first year has been one of unparalleled enthusiasm. With its successful concert in August, the club raised sufficient funds to enable the committee to negotiate with a leading piano firm in Auckland, and through them to order from England a first-class grand piano, which will be installed in the College in April.

The Club intends to produce another Gilbert and Sullivan concert this year—in June, if possible—and rehearsals for it will start at the first meeting of the Club, which will be held in the College Hall on Wednesday, March 11th, from 7—8 p.m.

We want the second year of the Club to be as successful as the first. The Club exists for all students—to encourage music in the College, to let you hear "good" music interpreted by professionals, and to give you a chance to exercise your own musical faculties other than in the bath! We hope last year's members will support the Club again this year and will encourage new members to join. All Freshers will be most heartily welcome. Don't stay away from the Club because you think you have no voice. There are plenty of us already who go only to make unpleasant noises!

FIELD CLUB

President: Mr. W. R. McGregor.
Student Chairman: G. T. S. Bayliss.
Secretary: L. H. Millener.

The Field Club has a membership of 100 and wants more. Plenty of room in the open air. Last year all lectures and camps were well attended. Many excursions were held. A typical one was to Avondale and all members came home having thoroughly enjoyed their experience. A second expedition was the islands known as the Noisies. We beg to state they have always been called that. A visit to Niho-

tupu was damned by the weather. Non-appearance of Studass grant was another misfortune but could easily have been got over by asking politely. Freshers are welcomed. Remember that the Field Club is open to all, and demands no special attainments.

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS CLUB

President: Mr. W. T. G. Airey.
Student Chairman: Mr. E. Haslam.
Secretary-Treasurer: Miss H. Fancourt.
Librarian: Miss J. Armstrong.
Committee: Miss H. Fenwick, Miss E. Johnston, Mr. G. Harvey, Mr. L. Williamson, Mr. Body.

The aim of the International Relations Club is to encourage the study and discussion of international relations. Meetings are held fortnightly throughout the academic year for lectures, papers and organised discussions. Opportunities are also provided for informal discussion. Able speakers and expert authorities are invited to address its meetings and inaugurate its discussions.

The Club Library which contains excellent books, pamphlets, and fortnightly bulletins supplied to the Club by the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace offers opportunities for studying the various aspects and problems of international relations in the modern world.

It is hoped that the members for 1936 will include all who are interested in the modern world and the problems of its international relations.

LITERARY AND DRAMATIC CLUB

This Club has two branches which are noted for their co-operation. Miss M. F. Buddle is Secret-

ary of the Literary sub-committee; Miss P. Lusher, chairwoman. Meetings are held regularly in the Women's Common Room, sometimes for the reading of poems and plays, sometimes for an Olla Podrida when students' literary efforts are read and criticised anonymously. The first meeting will be an address by some well-known speaker. Last year it was Professor Sewell, who attracted large numbers. The nature and date of this meeting will be advertised immediately.

The dramatic sub-committee is presided over by Miss Lusher also, with J. N. Thomson, Secretary. Various works (e.g. by Bernard Shaw) or original plays by students are staged in the College Hall. Anybody with acting tendencies is invited to join up and gain experience. An interesting quotation from an earlier Handbook reads as follows: "We want the names of any Freshers who are interested, as early in the years as possible. Don't be discouraged that you may not have had any experience." Do you remember Dr. Johnson's famous remark: "Much may be made of a Scotsman if he be caught young." The Dramatic Club thinks the same about Freshers.

THE EVANGELICAL UNION

One of the most popular and most active societies in the 'Varsity is the E.U., which has issued an attractive programme card announcing its activities for 1936. Copies of this may be obtained free from the Information Bureau. A novel event of great interest to Freshers will be the Freshers' Banquet to be held in the Women's Common Room on Saturday, March 14th, at 7.30 p.m. Freshers will be the guests of the Union and every Fresher should be present. The President of the University, T. U. Wells, Esq. and other notable people will be there. Mr. W. H. Fortune, Dip.

Soc. Sci. F.C.S. Graduate-President of E.U. will be the speaker. On the next day, Sunday the 15th March, the first E.U. Sunday Tea will be held in the Women's Common Room at 4.30 p.m. Freshers are admitted free, other students pay 6d. each. Dr. Alexander Hodge, B.A. B.D. Ph.D. will give the address. Last year 80—120 students were present at each of the Sunday Teas which in 1936 will be held on March 15, April 5, May 3, June 14, July 12, August 2, September 13. Keep these dates free and come along. Particulars of the E.U. Study Groups and of other activities will be announced on the notice-boards.

The annual E.U. House Party will be held during the first term vacation on June 3—7th, at the Y.W. C.A. Holiday House, Blockhouse Bay. This event will be a thrilling experience and every 'Varsity man and woman should come to the House Party and enjoy the good things provided.

The Secretary of the E.U., Mr. T. F. Haughey, will gladly give further particulars of E.U. activities. Don't hesitate to write him c/o. of the letter rack.

The E.U. Squashes or Social Evenings will be held on March 28, May 2, June 27, July 25, August 8. Come along to these and you will have a thoroughly good time.

Keep your eye on the College notice-boards so that you do not miss particulars of E.U. fixtures during the year ahead. The E.U. motto aptly sums up the spirit shown in all its doings: "In Christo, vivimus, vincimus."

Every Student attending Lectures must, within the first week of the College year, pay to the Registrar the Students' Association Fee of One Guinea.

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SPORTS CLUBS

Owing to lack of space all Clubs are not fully represented in this issue. Freshers interested must leave a note for the various Secretaries.

BASKETBALL CLUB.

Club Captain: Miss M. Shaw.
Vice-Captain: Miss M. Deighton.
Secretary-Treasurer: Miss M. Martin.
Committee: Misses M. Bartrum, I. Pettit, M. Smeed, W. Tinsley.

Any bona fide woman student may become a member of the Basketball Club, and freshers especially are asked to join up at the beginning of the season.

Teams are entered in the Auckland Basketball Association's competitions, which are played on Saturday afternoons throughout the winter. Last year the 'Varsity Blues won the A.B.A. Senior championship.

At the Inter-University Tournament held at Easter teams from the four Universities compete for the Basketball Shield, which is at present held by Auckland. Practices are begun for this Tournament right at the start of the first term, and are held on the College courts two or three times a week. All women students interested are asked to attend these practices, as the Tournament representatives must be chosen and in training as soon as possible.

Freshers wishing to play are asked to hand in their names to the Club Captain or to the Secretary within the first week.

The Club uniform consists of navy gym. dress, white blouse, and black shoes and stockings.

TENNIS CLUB.

President: Mr. J. N. Wilson.
Club Captain: L. Carnachan.
Hon. Sec.: A. W. Wylie.
Hon. Treasurer: C. Floyd.
Committee: Misses F. McKinnon, G. Kniveton, Messrs. E. Halstead, A. Brown, L. Watson.

Admirable facilities within our own College make this a most popular Club. The five courts are open to members of the Students' Association who have paid the very nominal subscription of 5/-, which the Club is obliged to levy to cover the cost of affiliation to the A.L.T.A. The grass courts is reserved for practice by A, B C and D teams. Students wishing to play in any of these teams are invited to communicate with the Secretary, who will ensure their claims receiving due consideration. There is always plenty of room for new players and especially Freshers, who, it is hoped, will become financial members. The College Championships will be commenced on the first Saturday of the First Term, entries to be in the first week. Communicate with the Secretary via letter rack.

SWIMMING CLUB.

Club Captain: L. E. Adams.
Vice-Captain: Miss M. Bartrum.
Hon. Secretary: J. F. Schischka.
Committee: Miss J. Armstrong, Miss C. Butcher, Miss J. Bull, Messrs. J. Alexander, G. Hole, T. Haughey, A. Finklestein.

Like all 'Varsity Clubs, we are continually in need of new recruits. Did you know that you are good enough to swim in Novice Handicaps at Inter-Club Carnivals? The worse swimmer you are the more quickly you can improve and the more races you can win. Perhaps you think this impracticable logic, but it is indeed surprising how many 'Varsity swimmers have been successful in Novice Handicaps. Do not be shy of swimming. We offer special races for you at the Inter-Faculty Swimming Sports, to be held in the Training College Baths very shortly. What about the Hack Handicap, long plunges, etc.? Help your faculty in the relay. Nothing is so exciting. "A stirring clash, strokes anything but flash, as the last men smash their final dash in one wild splash": That's what you will see at the Inter-Faculty Sports. Never mind your stroke—nobody will see it for spray.

The University Club will hold its Championship Carnival on April 2nd in the Tepid Baths. Train now. Tournament team will be picked on this night. Championships are:

Ladies: 50, 100, Free-style and Diving, 66 Breaststroke, 33 Backstroke.

Men: 50, 100, 220, 440, Free-style and Diving, 220 Breaststroke, 66 Backstroke.

Also handicap events for 'Varsity students whether Club members or not, will be staged at the Inter-Faculty Carnival. Help the Club make a success of its Carnivals and hold its place with other Auckland Clubs. Before you swim in our Championships you must officially join the Club. This involves paying a registration fee of 1/-. Past members are reminded that this is now due and payable to Mr. Schischka or to Miss Bartrum or Mr. Adams in the Executive Room.

Prospects of the Club are getting brighter, and we are able to find a good all-round relay team. Swimmers are asked to help in the matter of relays and leave their names in the rack if they want a place in teams. Those interested in Water Polo likewise. For the purpose of discussion a General Meeting will be held in one of the College rooms during the first fortnight of Term. The date and room will be posted. Everybody, whether a swimmer or not, is invited to attend and hear an interesting account of the Club's proposals and problems.

Past members of the Studass, now no longer students, may join the Club at a fee of 5/-, but are ineligible for Tournament.

Communications for the Secretary may be left in the rack. 1/- levy may be enclosed in envelope with name and left in the Executive Room letter-box.

ATHLETIC CLUB.

The University Club has again figured very prominently in the athletic world this season. Several members have attained Auckland standard. Congratulations are due to A. J. Sayers on his Auckland half-mile title, also to H. K. Brainsby and P. Hackett for their jumping successes. H. D. Ball also did well to push Finlayson. Opposition at Tournament is always particularly tough.

Even with an Auckland provincial team it is not impossible to get the wooden spoon. Indeed University athletics seem to be of a higher class than most other sports. All athletes, however, can get their chance. Inter-Faculty Sports will be held probably within the first fortnight after Term starts. Start training now. The team for Tournament will be chosen on the form then shown. Men of muscular bulk are urged to expend their energy on Field events. Expert tuition is available. All members must register with the N.Z. Association, and in this connection a fee of 1/6 is payable to the Secretary, H. D. Ball, either per 'Varsity or c/o. Hardleys, Newmarket. [More information re Athletic Club will appear in next issue.]

ROWING CLUB.

A.U.C. is out to keep its reputation at Tournament this year. An unfortunate accident to the boat in which we have been successful for two years is making finance difficult. Storage is also a problem, but these matters cannot prevent Rowing from taking its place as the premier sporting event among Universities, as it is in England and Australia. Many prominent members now belong to the Club, and new ones are welcomed. Secretary: E. Henderson.

CRICKET CLUB.

This Club is represented in the A.C.A. Championships by four teams—Senior, Senior B, Second and Third Grades. Many promising players are included in the teams. Practices are held regularly every Tuesday and Thursday night. The Secretary is E. S. Haden.

FOOTBALL CLUB.

Footballers are asked to watch the Notice Boards during the First Term for the date of the Annual Meeting. A later issue of Craccum will deal with this Club and also the following: Rifle Club, Harrier Club, Tramping Club, Hockey Club.

BOXING CLUB.

Every student should take advantage of the facilities offered by the College to become proficient in a sport which undoubtedly taught self-reliance, self-respect and self-control. No fees to pay; all charges are included in the £1/1/- student fee paid for membership of the Students' Association.

The Club will arrange a public contest not later than the middle of March for the purpose of selecting a team to compete at Wellington on Easter Saturday in the New Zealand Inter-University College Championships. Each College nominates one competitor in each class, but any competitor is eligible to fight in one or more weights.

Mr. Eugene Donovan, at his gymnasium at the Auckland Fire Station, Pitt Street, will spare no pains in his coaching, and we hope this year with your support (we need it badly) in this manly sport to attain a high standard of performance.



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Its activities are many and varied.

All N.Z.U. blues, for example, are awarded by the N.Z.U.S.A. in consultation with the Councils and Committees controlling the various sports, and it keeps a complete record of all blues awarded. The N.Z.U. blue blazer is obtainable only on an authority signed by the Hon. Secretary of the Association.

Sporting tours and debating are other features of University life that are the concern of the N.Z.U.S.A. Every year the Joynt Scroll contest, and triennially the Bledis-

loe Medal Oratory contest, are held in one or other of the four main centres, and teams from each of the College Debating Societies compete.

Apart from its work in New Zealand, the Association, as a member of the International Confederation of Students, obtains for its members, and all students enrolled at any College of the University of New Zealand are ipso facto members, very valuable privileges for those travelling or studying in other countries. Students leaving New Zealand can obtain from the headquarters of the Association free of charge, what are known as "Identification Cards" but which would really be better described as "student passports," and these documents will not only provide the bearers with a welcome in foreign universities, but also obtain for them very considerable concessions on foreign railways and in foreign hotels.

ONE HUNDRED BARRACKERS FOR TOURNAMENT.

Tournament is at Wellington this Easter. The fare for representatives will be infinitesimal and barrackers will get cheap excursion rates. Tournament away is better than at home. Take advantage of the cheap trip and if you cannot get in one of the Tournament teams, travel as a barracker. Freshers! Get some experience for next year. The Men's House Committee proposes holding haka practices every night in the Men's Common Room. Roll up and swell the noise. Team-work is the making of any haka. Show V.U.C. and the other Colleges that they are not the only big noise. Remember that at Tournament you can save your face by being able to turn on the best haka. If A.U.C. can silence competition from other Colleges as soon as they start, it matters little if we win the wooden spoon. "Something accomplished, something done, has earned a night's repose." After the hakas at Tournament, you will have to repose until the end of term.

THE POUND.

Lost material and left luggage is put into the Pound, there to be seen through glass doors, but unhappily not be got at, except for the sum of one penny. You're lucky if you can find the poundkeeper to open it for you. The Pound has glass doors so that you will be tantalised to see your gear so near and yet so far. It will train you not to forget—if, according to the Education School, this is possible.

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If you want to be perfectly happy,
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Damper (see notices re College dances):

There are one or two flies in the ointment:

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HINTS TO FRESHERS

These are tips that you don't get in lectures:—

- (1) Tipping is not done in N.Z. or in A.U.C.
- (2) Do not avoid the professors. They love to see you and plan your courses and shoulder your worries.
- (3) Do not lend out your Ping-Pong ball.
- (4) Always borrow your Ping-Pong ball.
- (5) Learn the College hakas and the songs if you intend to attend Capping.
- (6) College dances and balls (in the Hall) are definitely—yes, definitely—A1 shows.
- (7) Coffee Evenings are worth 6d., but doubtfully 7d.
- (8) Kiwi can take your serious opinions or your well-considered comic effort.
- (9) Craccum takes anything. Don't burn it. Send it to Craccum.
- (10) Don't be a book-worm. Someone else may like your favourite seat in the Library.
- (11) Don't smoke in the corridors. If you see anyone else doing so, you'll know he's a professor. Say "Good Morning" if it is not the afternoon.
- (12) Remember that the furniture is **your** property.
- (13) Keep an eye on the Posters and refrain from adding injudicious remarks.
- (14) By all means add witty remarks.
- (15) If you are on a slimming diet, dine in the College Cafeteria. We don't mean that.
- (16) When the saleswomen block your path and wave a Craccum at you it is policy to put your hand in your pocket for 3d.
- (17) Don't say you have already bought one.
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