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## TOURNAMENT READY FOR THE FRAY

As some of you are aware no doubt that A.U.C.'s vigorous Tournament team will be travelling to Wellington on Thursday at 3 p.m. to fraternize with the other colleges and at the same time enjoy the complete freedom of the capital city, we thought our reporters had better get details.

"Now that I am here," declared MR. LEWIS, President of A.U.C., beating the old Studass table with his fist and staring at us, "we anxiously await our departure so that A.U.C. can get into action." "There is a lot of work to be done yet," added PAT BLAIR, senior Tournament delegate. "Good heavens, has my co-delegate LAWRENCE HOGBEN checked the eligibility list with Rucker yet?" he concluded and disappeared with a very queer, very early Victorian writing desk under his jacket.

### ATHLETICS.

"Just a moment, Mr. HACKETT. This is the 32nd Inter-Varsity College Tournament, and A.U.C. have never won the Athletic Shield. Do you think they will win this time?" we demanded.

"You see, A.U.C. always have a very small team," he remarked coldly. From Mr. Hackett's interview we gleaned that A.U.C. have a chap called V. P. Boot, who ran a half-mile in 1.53 2-5, breaking the New Zealand record of 1.54 4-5, and establishing a fresh record of 2.14 3-5 for 1,000 yards. That A.U.C. have the High, Broad and Hop-Step practically in the bag. That Cameron will win the Walk—he won a place in the N.Z. Championships. That Ball (A.U.C.) will make Anderson, of C.U.C., go like — in the 440 Hurdles. We decided to leave Mr. Hackett; he appeared to be rehearsing a hooley for the Hongi Club.

"Hello, Mr. Prendergast! Have we any dark horses?"

"Yes. Phil Hackett is training with the javelin. Clegg, the N.Z. javelin champion, will be available for A.U.C. next year. Brainsby, Hackett and Prendergast can all do over 21.6 in the Jump."

We gave Mr. Ball a ring. He was non-committal. Everybody was vague. It was like drawing teeth. We decided to do better ourselves.

The standard of athletics this year is good, but not good enough. C.U.C. must win the Shield with so many good finalists. Booth, their star man, can do 880 in 1.55. Sayers is a member of the Grammar Club and therefore not eligible for the A.U.C. The team is training hard and is ready for anything.

### BASKETBALL.

We caught MISS SHAW un-awares in the Exec. Room.

"Good team," said Miss Shaw. "And they are training well."

"Do you think A.U.C. will win the Shield again?" we asked.

"I believe all four teams will be fairly equal. O.U. will probably provide the strongest opposition. Miss Joyce Stichbury is playing well," said Miss Shaw as we decided to leave.

### ROWING.

Mr. MASON was working on the plans for the new corrugated iron clubhouse. "No, he would answer no questions. A written statement would be supplied."

Here it is. "A.U.C. still have Messrs. Shirley, Dalton, Hooper Henderson and Mason, and the new men are Messrs. Wright, Algie, Payne and Kendricks. Henry Lee is at Apia. The crew is not as strong as last year. C.U.C. have the heaviest crew, with a brand new boat, and will be hard to beat. V.U.C. crew are all keen men and can be expected to put up a good performance. O.U. are an unknown quantity, but they should be well in the hunt, and everybody would be pleased to see them register their first win. A.U.C. on their first practice run smashed their boat, but have now settled down and are being coached by 'Vic' Smith."

### SWIMMING.

LIN ADAMS was as brisk as ever and full of beans. "You want something about swimming," he remarked. In exactly 30 seconds a note full of meat was handed to us. Here are the facts: J. Schischka can do the 100 yards in 61 4-5; D. Munro is a very consistent performer in both the sprint and distance, and is hot in the 220; N. G. Stevenson is a good man for the 100; also Haughey, Cameron, Chapman and Adams are capable of doing anything. There is keen competition between G. Hole and G. Smith for the breast-stroke. Both were disqualified in their first race against each other last week. In the women's events Misses M. Bartrum and N. McLeod, both free-stroke, are keen and improving. Miss McLeod is also a good breast-stroke swimmer.

### TENNIS.

"Our team has been practising steadily," says ALAN BROUN. "Misses Mackinnon and Richards have a good chance in the ladies' doubles, Miss Richards and Broun are playing well. We also like Watson's chance in the men's singles, and expect Carnahan and Broun to hold their own in the men's doubles."

"C.U.C. have a strong team," we suggested. Mr. Broun smiled inscrutably and turned away.

### BOXING.

Yes, Mr. POSTLEWAITE could spare a few moments. "Well," said "Pos.," "the boxing standard generally should be good. Clive Steele (A.U.C.), who won the medal for three consecutive years as the most scientific boxer at Tournament is not fighting. His brother will be eligible next year. G. H. Turner has improved out of sight and should beat N. Williamson (C.U.C.), a clever bantam who has held the title for two years. C.U.C. had seven representatives in the finals last year, and lost every fight except the bantam weight. V.U.C. is the present holder of the Boxing Shield. J. Chapman-Smith, K. Bakey, A. W. Scott, J. Barry and L. S. Dobbon are all good men and should do well at Tournament. Generally a good team is sent, although we are sorry to admit that often it is of a standard inferior to that produced by teams from the Southern Universities. However, it is only by continuous sparring and training, together with the experience gained by competing in Inter-Varsity contests that our boxing standard is likely to improve. Freshers should go into harness from the word 'go,' and not wait until after the exams."

"Have you got any other information?" we asked. He stared very unpleasantly at us. "Put this down: There is a he-man named Boswell (V.U.C.), a Southland middle-weight, who is extremely fit and has a nasty habit of stepping in to his opponent and landing with lefts and rights to the point of the jaw. I think you had better leave me now," he concluded, and buried himself in papers labelled "Men's House—Trustee—Bookkeeper."

### COLLEGE HAKA.

#### LEARN FOR TOURNAMENT.

Leader:	All:
Akarana.	Hei.
Akarana.	Hei.
Teni i pakia	
Tena i ta kahia	
Ringa Ringa torone kai waiho	
mau tonu	
Tau ka tau	Hei
Tau ka tau	Hei
Tau ka tau ki Akarana	
Whangia mai ra	Nge nge nge
	Aratu
Whangia mai ra	Nge nge nge
	aratu arata aratau
Tahi kariri i toro kawha	
	Homaira o kupu
	O toa
	Kia weta weta kia
	tuka tukia
Akarana	Hi
Akarana	Hei
Akarana	Hi, Hei, Ha!

### Lunch and Dinner in the College Dining Hall

3 Courses Is.

### COMING FUNCTIONS. TOURNAMENT COFFEE EVENING.

Tuesday, 7th April.

Send-off to Tournament Reps.—Come and give them your blessings.—Presentation of Badges.

After Easter the Social Committee intends to hold a picture-party. Tickets will be sold in advance. Date and price will be advertised on notice boards. After pictures (reduced fare) dancing will be enjoyed in Civic Winter Garden.

### Auckland Again!

#### AUCKLAND GROWS BRAINS.

Twelve Scholarships.

Craccum congratulates the College, Staff and Students on the wonderful scholarship results. Auckland's total of 12 constitutes a record. It is not for this College to pat itself on the back, however. Craccum wishes to make much more of the point that nearly all the Scholarship winners are great social workers within the College, taking a leading and administrative part in all activities, outdoor as well as indoor.

#### Fifty-Fifty.

These successful students will leave Varsity knowing that they have put into it as much as they have got out. They will have every reason to feel self satisfied in that they have fulfilled the ambitions of the College and of themselves. As Professor Burbidge remarked at Freshers' Welcome, the University is an institution where all individual talents are pooled for the common benefit. Every student has obligations to every other student. The ideal student gives as much as possible to everyone else, and in return takes as much back.

#### Our Pleasure.

It is a pleasure for Craccum to be able to make public the unselfish service which has been, and is being, offered to the student body by those who can nevertheless (or is it because of this?) attain the highest academic awards. Alas, that the student body too often sits back to be spoon-fed!

These remarks apply not only to this year's scholars, but to those of previous years also. The average student here would be astounded at the imposing list of qualifications and Scholarship Honours that could be collected from the Executive or Men's and Women's House Committees.

#### Scholarship Winners, 1936.

E. C. Brenstrum (Latin): Charlie is ex-Auckland Grammar. A clever five-eighths and has played senior football as full-back. His sense of humour is not dulled by his studies of a dead language. He is most alive, in fact, and does excellent work on the Men's House Committee, of which he was once Secretary.



**S. C. B. Gascoigne** (Physics and Pure Mathematics): Gassy's double is not the whole story. He also came third in Applied Maths. Would you care to try Physics III. by itself? Then try Maths. III. and Applied Maths. III. as well, and see if you can chew all you have bitten off. Gassy has a good bite and managed quite well. He even finds room for the Science Sports Committee and a corner for the Executive. He plays football for Senior B, belongs to the Rowing Club, writes for Craccum, dives for the Science Faculty. Is he not an inspiration? Also an Auckland Grammar product.

**C. M. Segedin** (shared with Gascoigne the Pure Maths. Schol.): Chairman, Secretary, Reporter, Treasurer and general factotum of the Men's House Committee. Appointed to Executive this year because of his ability to work and enjoy it. A mathematician with a soul! He was pianist to the College Orchestra in 1934; Sci. Soc. Committee, 1935; Secretary Maths. Soc. 1935, Chairman, 1936. Also a product of A.G.S. A man with a purpose and a cheery smile. His campaign is for sweeping reform.

**Miss Nancy Bamford**. — Nancy gained the English Scholarship, bringing credit to Professor Sewell and Mr. Arden. She is intending to go to Oxford some day and will be a worthy representative of A.U.C.; ex Diocesan.

**Miss Jean Crosher**: Jean has been a consistent performer. She has gained the Botany Scholarship. Is a member of the Field Club Committee and hails from Waihi.

**D. A. Brown** (Geology): Part-timers! look what a part-timer can do if he has a sense of humour. While working under Dr. Gilmour in the Bacteriological Lab., Auckland Hospital, Brown has found time to take two Stage III. subjects and get the scholarship in one! Perhaps he has discovered how to make a few million bacteria work for him.

**A. K. Wylie; A. W. Wylie**: These are not brothers. Craccum is liable to mix them up, so corrections will be welcomed. A. K. (Snowy) got the scholarship in Applied Maths.; A. W., not to be outdone, took one in Chemistry. A. K. is a runner, footballer and cricketer; A. W. is a tennis player and acts as Secretary to the Tennis Club. A. W. was last year Chairman of Science Soc., and has just been appointed to the Executive. A. K. and A. W. are both strong, silent workers in the true sense—an example to students of how University life should be lived. Work, play, and no noise about it. Nobody is more pleased than the writer of these paragraphs that they were both equally successful scholastically.

**K. C. E. Mackenzie**: Another Greek scholar! I thought Greek was a thing of the past. It seems Professor Cooper has got results with the Classics Department. Congratulations where due. Mackenzie is going to Oxford very shortly, where his ability will quite likely be useful, and Craccum will not bother him.

**N. I. Smith**: "Patsy" has come to light with a vengeance. We assure you he used to be an awful lazy blighter at Auckland Gram-

mar. He has scored in Contract and Torts. The biggest contract he ever took on was to chase a degree as a part-timer. "Vous n'avez pas eu tort."

**T. F. Haughey** (Architecture): Tom also does good work about the place in his spare time. He is on the Committee of the Swimming Club and is Secretary of the Evangelical Union. Besides which he plays football and takes an active part in the Architectural Society. A pleasant smile for all. Finally, a word of praise must be given to

**G. T. S. Bayliss** (ex-Takapuna Grammar): He has been awarded a post-graduate scholarship in Science, and gives every promise of becoming a first-class research man. He is an example of successful unobtrusiveness, and Craccum wishes him every success in his future career. He holds a Duffus Lubecki Scholarship.

## SECRET FROLICS OF DEBATING SOCIETY.

### ANNUAL MEETING.

The brightest meeting of the Deb. Soc. for years was held in the Philosophy Rooms recently. Only about 18 attended but not one asked for his money back.

The chairman called the meeting to order with an "air-r-r-r" and the secretary read the annual report. Miss Miller and Mr. Hogben were very indignant about it and thought something ought to be done about it—though what ought to be done about what did not come out. Miss Johnston seemed to think something ought to be done about them. But it all ended happily ever after—and they kissed and were friends again.

Miss Johnston was elected Student President unopposed and thanked the meeting with her usual becoming girlish modesty. Then all was lost in a hurricane of motions—about seven were before the meeting at once—but the chairman with a master-stroke, forgot six of them and passed the seventh. Mr. Braybrooke, meanwhile, was addressing a deprecating whisper to the chairman; but they made him secretary and he soon forgot his throat trouble.

During the evening it came out that the Society was without constitution. Miss Johnston explained that they had one before the War; but when she disguised herself as a man and joined the Legion (see P. C. Wren) she had to barter it for her life to an Arab Chieftain. Mr. Hogben again thought something ought to be done about it, and seemed to want to pass a vote of no confidence in the Arab—but the meeting decided that it would be sufficient if a new constitution were drawn up, and after more fun and games and a happy time had by all, the party broke up.

## ARTS FACULTY SOCIETY.

The first annual meeting was held and the club successfully formed. A constitution was adopted and the following officers elected:—

Chairman, Mr. Hobgen; secretary, Miss Lusher; committee Misses Lewis and Shaw, Messrs. Lewis, Brenstrum and Horne.

## INTER-FACULTY COMPETITION

### SWIMMING TURN-OUT.

Did you see Gascoigne's Dive?

Or How the Baths were Emptied?

The Inter-faculty Competition opened auspiciously on Monday 23rd at the Training College Baths. There was an enthusiastic crowd present and very big fields in all events. Everything went off well and we may safely say that the experiment of a carnival at 5.30 p.m. in cold-water baths was a distinct success.

Commerce, with such notable exponents of the aquatic art as Mathieson, Buchanan, Schischka, and Munro, ran out easy winners, with 29½ points. They won two relays, filled all the places in the men's championship, and gained sundry seconds and thirds. Arts were next with 11½, mostly gained by Miss Thomson. Then came Architects and Engineers (notably enthusiastic). Science, in spite of an enormous entry, could not muster more than 8 points, and Law ignominiously failed to gain even one.

### Diving Relay.

Swimming was dull for the moment when Mr. Gascoigne's shapely form was momentarily outlined against the evening sky, then to vanish into the depths with an all-obliterating splash. The announcer, Mr. Hogben, was so impressed with the exhibition that he favoured the said diver with a special announcement.

Yet, as a spectacle, even this paled beside the side-stroke champ. Seldom has an audience been treated to such a variety of strokes. Most of the competitors had a sort of dog-paddle scoop with one arm, an indefinite oscillatory motion with the other, and a leg-beat à la Johnny Weismuller. The result is open to doubt because someone threw the judge in, and he got nasty and disqualified everyone.

The medley was rather like this, too, the competitors swimming backstroke, some breaststroke and some free-style in a most confusing way. Ultimately they sorted themselves out and a great finish saw Science just scrape in to beat Commerce by about two fingers (which happens in this case to be a measure of length—not of capacity).

The Commerce faculty then offered to throw in the judge, Mr. Hogben, who declined and sought refuge with the Science faculty, present in great strength.

Finally a word of praise to Lindsay Adams, who sent eerie tremblings and shiverings through a megaphone, and his trusty secretary, Mr. Schischka, for running an impromptu meeting so speedily.

## FOR WOMEN ONLY.

What was all that "buzz" about on Monday? We heard little pieces like "tears," "row," "breaker of hearts," and "angry," but so far our efforts to put 2 and 2 together only make 5!

And then there was that shy young maiden who wouldn't believe that it was much cooler on the balcony until a very gallant Professor

said so, and what's more, proved it.

There are some men who always look their best in shirt sleeves, but personally we prefer Chairman Pat Blair with his coat on.

The committee apologies to many ladies for its efforts in encouraging those men who said they couldn't dance. But it was a great joy to see no one "sitting out." Of course we mean inside!

"Oh the waiting, praying, hoping, longing yearning" in the supper pens! Still it was good fun and we carefully noted that there were actually more boys than girls.

Very apparent was the great disparity in the relative freshness of Freshers—from those with real schoolboy complexions to the sporters of black, well-seasoned pipes!

## A BAY LEAF OR A FIG LEAF

Or Something to:—

Barry Abbot and Jack Alexander for their spirited effort on the saxophone and drum(s) at Freshers' Welcome. We suggest that Barry try another note next time he performs in public.

The Social Committee member who nearly hit a prominent footballer in the left eye with a well-thrown streamer.

The men who spoiled their nice clean shirts doing hakas.

Everyone who rolled up and had a good time.

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2nd STATESMAN:

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"Dublin Opinion."

Eliminating the verbose redundancy, we believe the foregoing can be said succinctly enough by saying "What about a spot of Timaru?"

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## POETICAL ECONOMY.

By "Fink."

The other day while looking for some tripe to put in "Craccum" I happened to come across a rather interesting piece of work entitled "Poetical Economy." Under this title Harry Graham writes eight fascinating verses. He starts like this:

"What hours of precious time,  
What pints of ink I used to waste  
Attempting to secure a rime  
To suit the public taste.  
Until I found a simple plan  
Which makes the lamest lyric scan."

It is rather a pity there is not room to reproduce the whole poem, but I shall endeavour to give the most vital verses. The poem goes on:

"When I've a syllable de trop,  
I cut it off without apol:  
This verbal sacrifice, I know,  
May irritate the schol.  
But all must praise my dev'l'ish  
cunn."

Who realise that time is mon."

And in this fashion the poem goes on with references to the works of past and present poets. He concludes:

"Have done, Ye Bards, with dull  
monot.,  
Foll. my examp. O Stephen Phill.  
O, Owen Seam., O William Wat.,  
O, Ella Wheeler Wil.  
And share with me the grave  
respons.  
Of writing this amazing nons."

So I thought I would try my hand at writing some "amazing nons." And here is the devastating result:

"I had to write some stuff for Crac.  
I did not know just how to 'mence,  
Nor did I wish to get the sack  
For anything that might be cens.  
This I offer to the consid.  
Of every thoughtful individ."

Mr. Ad., who eds., works like a beave.

His readers' pleasure to redoub.  
Should now and then just abbrev.  
The work he gives his pub.  
This view I most partic. suggest  
To J.B. OW. or even Best.

So all wro white for "Crac." some mess,

Do try to cult. the hab.  
Which teaches people to suppress  
All syllables that are unnec.  
We want some verses for the mass  
By Hog. or Jos. or even Gas.

And if you try to comp. this way  
I'm sure you'll find it very simp.  
For if pimple's what you want to say

All you have to put is pimp.  
And you can treat with scornful  
pit.

The sneers of every captious crit."

—"FINK."

(Watch out for another article like this in the next issue of "Craccum.")

## THINGS THAT COULD HAVE BEEN BETTER EXPRESSED.

Census Paper:

"If mother dead put M . .  
if father or mother or both not  
known put N.K."

Mr. G. L. H-gb-n (declining nomination as Secretary of one of our noisiest Societies—you are wrong, not the Hongis). "Well I'm afraid that I already hold one secretary-

ship and—well, MissJ—n has told you that she holds four, but (diffidently) I should rather do one properly—I mean —."

While discussing the time for meeting of Maths. Soc. Mr. C.M.S. pointed out that by having the meeting at 7.15 p.m. the whole evening need not be spoilt.

## NEWS.

Reports of all meetings, functions, dances, coffee evenings and lectures are urgently required.

Please note, Club officials and others interested.

Material must be in Craccum Box or Executive Room by the last day of every month.

## To Contributors.

See note above. Your suggestions, complaints, criticisms, approvals of anything in and around Varsity will receive prompt publication. Anonymity will be preserved but name must be attached.

## HOW DO WOMEN AMUSE THEMSELVES?

### WOMEN WELCOME WOMEN FRESHERS.

Report of Coffee Evening  
Friday, 13th March.

Led by the House Committee in gowns, the proceedings opened impressively with the first verse of "Gaudeamus". When half the House Committee had wavered through the Rangitoto Motutapu verse the freshers ceased being impressed and some smiles were observed.

The President, Miss Margaret Shaw, next rose to give her speech of welcome. She stressed (1) the depravity of women students who attend only mixed coffee evenings; (2) the necessity of not sitting at the profs. table in the cafeteria as it might prove embarrassing (to the profs); (3) the advisability of joining the Basketball Club and perhaps some others (if the freshers had time).

Miss Corinne Hall and Miss Shona Paterson were responsible for the evening's entertainment, and evidently worked on the principle that it is better to aim low and succeed than to aim high and fail. Even the competitions were not above the mental level of the average fresher, as is proved by the fact that one was won by Miss Dorothy Winstone (a fresher) and the other by Miss Marie Best. They were rewarded by a bar of chocolate each.

The first item was a mime produced by Miss C. Hall. It dealt with the absorbing adventures of Miss Letitia Montgomery, who leaves her fond parents to stay with an aunt in Cincinnati, Ohio. Her aunt conveniently dies and she goes to seek romance and adventure in the Wild and Woolly West "where men are men and women are glad of it." She is captured by an Indian Chief, Black Face, but rescued after a thrilling struggle, by Richard Van Hoff, a rising young bank clerk. Tableau. The dramatic way in which Miss M. Robertson interpreted the script made the task of the actors an easy one. Riding breeches and a scarf transformed Miss Corinne Hall into the strong silent G-man of every fresher's dreams. Miss F. Nicholson made a villainous Black Face, whose blood-curdling war whoops



gained, rather than lost in effect through being unheard. Miss M. Best was adequate as Letitia, in fact more than adequate. After Black Face had borne her struggling four times round the stage he was exhausted enough to welcome death in the hands of Richard Van Hoff. The weakest spot in the cast was Black Face's steed (played by Miss J. Bell's hockey stick) which, proving unequal to the combined weights of Black Face and Letitia konked out in the second lap and had to be carried off.

The tone of the gathering was somewhat uplifted by two piano solos by Miss W. Tinsley, which were appreciated all the more by contrast with the strains of "It's not the beer" floating up from downstairs.

A novel competition, sponsored by Miss S. Paterson, aimed at warning freshers of the dangers of matrimony. Two honeymoon couples were chosen, one from freshers (Misses P. Chambers and M. Rohan), one from non-freshers (Misses M. Martin and V. McBride). Each couple had to struggle into the strange garments found in their respective suitcases, talking as newly-married couples ought, then race once round the common room, return and undress, behaving to each other as is natural after three weeks of disillusionment. Miss M. Martin and Miss V. McBride certainly knew how to quarrel, whereas the freshers seemed to take their cue from them. It is pleasing to observe such a willingness to follow

noble examples on the part of two of our most promising youngsters.

As the object of the evening was to help freshers, each non-fresher was asked to write a hint to a fresher on a slip of paper. These were read out by freshers. A number of hints urged freshers not to fall for the Profs. This seems to me to indicate a dog-in-the-manger attitude towards the unsophisticated pleasures of girlhood. A number e.g. "Seats in the park are scarce on coffee evenings. Be early," ought to have been rigorously suppressed as they give freshers wrong ideas about 'Varsity social life. But a number were of great practical value, e.g. "Do not go into the cafeteria carrying a piece of cake. Mrs. Odd will charge you for it."

### WOMEN'S COMMON ROOM COMMENT.

Bang! The new term is heralded by the hammer of a man repairing furniture in the women's common room. Furniture seems to have been the main concern of the House Committee during March. Some energetic members spent the Friday morning before term started in arranging our very square chairs in comfortable-looking attitudes, only to find them, on Monday morning, replaced in the stiff toeing-the-carpet formation so beloved of the Powers-that-Be. Early in the same morning, however, three members of the House Committee were observed admiring the

pattern of the carpet, which, through the removal of several layers of dirt, is now distinctly visible.

Although many of the cushions have been covered again, the crowning glory of the common room at present is a most artistic embroidered cushion given us as a Christmas present by Miss Bourne. A number of files have been made for the magazines, which, as a result, look now extraordinarily tidy. In addition, the House Committee has invested in several new vases, one a striking, pink-and-white-striped, artistic creation, and the others mostly of ginger-jar origin. This burst of activity in renovating furniture has extended to lockers. Babette Buddle, armed with a coat hanger, and Nuncle Skyrme, equipped more professionally with a screw-driver, have been tackling with great zest the very necessary work of replacing broken locks. Imagine the dismay of one member of the House Committee, who has for two years managed without a key, and finds herself now obliged to pay 2/6 for one!

The common room has, lately, been a much more lively place during the day-time than it was last year. Girls are acquiring the good habit of using the piano, and very pleasing snatches of classical and jazz music, and especially of songs from Gilbert and Sullivan, have been floating at different times through the room. We are very glad to have back again Kilda Gerrie, Valerie Rowland and Jean

Thomson, all of whom have been absent for a year, and Edome King-Mason, who, since her return, has been struggling to keep tidy the extraordinary number of "Lost" notices now adorning one wall of the common room. Hardy basketball lassies in their gym. frocks, and tennis players in their shorts, have added yet another note to the varied life of the common room.

A certain amount of time spent idly in the common room is not wasted, and to this most pleasant social side of College life, every girl student, fresher or old hand, full-timer or part-timer, should contribute something.

### JOTTINGS.

The old question of equality of women seems to be settling itself in this college during recent weeks. Two women have been elected to the Presidency of the Societies in which they are prominent members. Well, well—as has been said before, a miss is as good as a male.

One of the women referred to above bears the reputation of having the longest tongue in the College. Whatever the length of her tongue, she wields it with great effect in arguments formal and informal.

Professor Fitt has been advertising "first-class meetings" in all stages of education! Does this coincide with general student opinion on the subject?

The Swimming Club regards a one-man-one-woman-relay as a duel!

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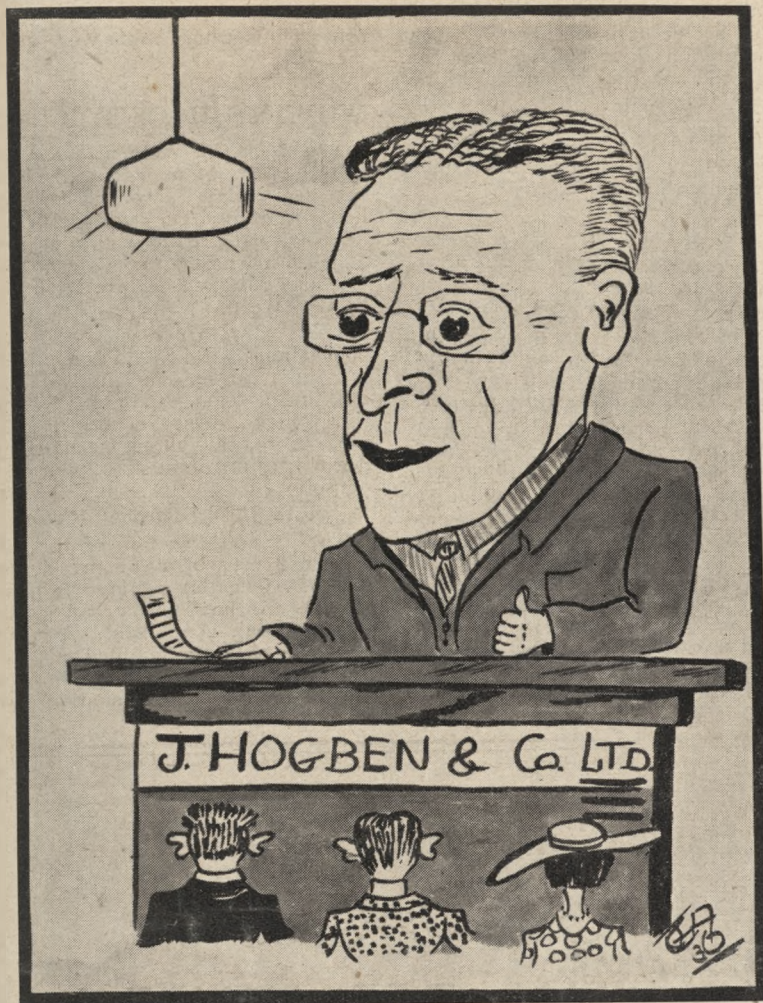
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## PERSONALITY OF THE MONTH

### No I.—Mr. Julius Hogben



Phenomenal lists of eager students (namely one female and two males) crowd into Room 33 on Monday evenings—6 to 7 p.m.—to hear Mr. Hogben lecture in Company Flaw.

#### MR. JULIUS HOGBEN IS:—

- (1) A prominent citizen of Auckland.
- (2) Lecturer in Law subjects at A.U.C.
- (3) A barrister and solicitor.
- (4) President of Athletic Club.
- (5) Reputed to be the only witty lecturer in the place.
- (6) To be heard over the radio on occasions.
- (7) Father of one Lawrence.

During one lecture he is reputed to have roared with laughter, and then to have told the men to come up afterwards and hear the joke. That sort of man is 100 per cent.

#### CONGRATULATIONS

G. C. Dalton: Cliff is now Secretary to the Men's House Committee. He is one of those birds who irritates people into doing all they say they will, and without much loss of energy either. Cliff is running a B.E. and B.Sc. simultaneously—a two-man job. Besides this he strokes champion rowing fours, plays senior football, represents A.U.C. at tournaments for Rowing, produces a fair swimming sprint on occasions and serves on the Social Committee. You see what his capacity is. Perhaps they breed 'em tough in the King Country. Cliff is big enough for a couple of ordinary men rolled into one, and does not seem to feel the strain. He has probably never

strained himself to date. The Secretaryship of M.H.C. will be a fair test.

Congratulations to Miss Jean Morton-Smith and W. J. B. Owen on appointment to Social Committee.

T. M. Barton: Terry is familiar to many and polite to others. He has been appointed to Men's House Committee. His service on behalf of the Commerce Society (that flourishing body which is his pride) have qualified him to assist in Common Room Smoke Concerts and other functions. He has a B.Com. and works in his spare time for an Insurance Company. We must repeat Kiwi's quotation of last year: "And marymartin marked him for her own."

#### FRESHERS' WELCOME.

#### FRESHER THAN USUAL.

##### High Spots.

This function of Saturday evening, 21st March, was the usual variegated show—only better. More of a seething crowd, more spontaneous gaiety, and alas, greater efforts on the part of the Powers that Be to quell this happy spirit with a carefully—very carefully—chosen programme. It has been hinted that the amusement of the staff as well as freshers

had to be considered. The supper queue was as usual, but more enthusiastic, everyone coveting everyone else's partner in direct contravention of the Commandment (whichever it is) that forbids you to covet your neighbour's ass. The evening was enlivened by Pat Blair's attempt to introduce Professor Boarbridge as Chairman of the Professorial Bird.

#### Points from Prof. Burbidge's Speech.

- (1) Some people come to 'Varsity merely to swat. These are frowned upon in some quarters.
- (2) Some people come to 'Varsity merely to play. These are frowned upon in some quarters.
- (3) Some people come to 'Varsity to swat and play. These, too, are frowned upon in some quarters.

Why then do we come to 'Varsity? We come because we are intelligent beings and want to learn, not facts and rules of science but how knowledge and science are based upon the very subtlest assumptions. We come to learn that so-called laws are not immutable and in general to replace our smug secondary school opinions with others which open up whole fields of doubt, argument, loophole and theory. Our reporter apologises if he has misunderstood Prof. Burbidge.

#### Mr. Derek Lewis's Speech.

Mr. Lewis was emphatic that you had to put something into an institution before you could get it out. We don't know whether he was thinking of the Bank or the Pawn-shop. We gather he meant freshers to consider A.U.C. as a great pie in which to put thumbs to pull out plumbs. But the pie has to be kept going by addition of raw material, viz., freshers. Mr. Lewis did not use this simile but "Craccum" suggests it would have added a picturesque touch to his speech.

#### Gilbert and Sullivan Trio.

Freshers—it was told me for one—believe Bob Spragg to be a cheap imitator of Ivan Menzies. We assure freshers that Mr. Spragg has been associated with the College and Freshers' Welcomes, and has appeared in similar items to similar advantage for countless years, and that therefore he is in no way indebted to Ivan Menzies esq.

#### Music Appreciation.

A lesson was served up to freshers by Mr. Chapman-Smith. He was scared anyone else should hear it, so spoke in dulcet tones.

Pat Blair: Good idea to allow few encores.

Len Barnes: Powerful song.

Edome King Mason: Vigorous secretarial work.

Men Freshers: Carried out chairs without a murmur.

Women Freshers: Accepted supper partners likewise.

Wallis Holland: Refused to sing encore.

Committee: Did not cater sufficiently.

Prof. Burbidge: Referred continually to the "corporate body" of the University. How are freshers expected to know who this is?

We admired that prominent yet surely very wicked "Exec." member who said he wouldn't wear his gown. But it seems that "she" had the last word again, because we saw her messenger return with another which he wore till further orders!

#### FILM REVIEW.

The pictures I have seen lately were nearly all musical ones, and with one exception were of low quality.

The first one was Lily Pons in "I Dream Too Much." This picture definitely bored me. It dragged interminably. The choice of operatic excerpts was uninspiring, and I must confess that in the scene from Delibes's "Lakme" I was more interested in the lady's abdominal movements than in her vocal gymnastics. There were a few bright spots in the humour of Eric Blore—and even he had a seal to assist him—and a couple of songs, "I Dream Too Much" and "The Jockey on the Carroussel," by Jerome Kern, were pleasant to hear. The would-be hero, Henry Fonda, slipped badly. The best that can be said is that he had an unpleasant and difficult role. Actually the only thing which might have been gleaned from the show was the fact that Lily Pons can sing—and I knew that before. The fact is, I suppose, that Grace Moore's "One Night of Love" said the first and last word on pictures of this sort.

... And so I went to see Bing Crosby in "Two for To-night." Now in previous pictures featuring this gentleman, I have been impressed by a sort of farcical lyricism which pervaded the whole—I mean in particular "We're Not Dressing," "Here is My Heart," and "She Loves Me Not." But now much of the farce has gone, and the lyrical element merely consists of sticking Mr. Crosby in front of the camera and letting him sing on and on in his own sweet way. And even though I like his singing and the lyrics were clever, I was bored. I liked Joan Bennett's pretty face—she did little else but display it—and I must admit that there was one sequence which raised something much more than a smile to my cynical and leering lips. This was a scene in a night-club, where Bing, after playing a sad crosses with a lunatic, goes to fight a duel with him with soda-siphons and hence starts a royal battle with the wh company squirting with v'gour. He was a genius who conceived this ma ter-stroke.

And then I came across Warner Baxter crammed once again into the role of a revue producer in "King of Burlesque." There was a little humour issuing from the full-moon which comprises the face of Jack Oakie, some of the dancing was entertaining and some of the music was bright; but there was nothing else in the picture, except perhaps some shots of Fats Waller, who led his band and played his piano and made his strange interjections, and whose extraordinarily rubber-like, mobile countenance beamed paternally and pleasantly over the audience.

So I was beginning to lose faith in musical pictures when I went to see Lawrence Tibbett in "Metropolitan." I was pleasantly surprised. The picture was good. There was Tibbett's voice, of course, but I decided long ago that a mere voice cannot make a picture. I liked him particularly in the Prologue to Leoncavallo's "I Pagliacci". Among the credits you will see as the director the name (I think) of one Richard Boleskawski. And another of the things I have decided is that when



this gentleman makes a picture its photography and settings at least will be worth seeing. He has imagination and an eye for the unusual in camera technique which I have rarely seen equalled. A little while ago he made a fine picture out of intolerable material in "O'Shaughnessy's Boy". I liked the bloneness of Virginia Bruce as the heroine of this picture, and

Luis Alberni (the gentleman who played the piano so delightfully in "One Night of Love") produced one of his best efforts for some time. I liked him when he threw spaghetti in Cesar Romero's face and when he hauled one of the opera cast from the conjugal and filial bed to attend an extempore rehearsal.

great pity more students were not present to hear them. Mr. Adams did not contribute any levity and so Jack Alexander thought it opportune to get up and slate the "fair sex" or, as he called them, "our better halves." This brought a reply on their behalf from Lin, and the meeting promised to become brighter. Things then subsided and the meeting adjourned to the main lobby where lengthy discussions were carried on around the notice boards.

thought and experiment. Mr. Coppard closed his talk with some practical and inspiring suggestions as to the possibilities for specialization in various branches of dramatic work, and for co-operation with other clubs whose aims were similar.

#### WOMEN'S HOCKEY CLUB.

The A.U.C. Women's Hockey Club held its annual general meeting on Monday, March 30th. It is hoped that practices will be begun as soon as circumstances permit, and all intending members should attend regularly as competition will be very keen.

The N.Z. University Hockey Tournament will be held in Wellington this year on the King's Birthday and a team will be sent from this College. As Freshers are eligible to go, all who are keen should begin training immediately in case of selection.

#### VARSITY DRAMATICS.

The dramatic section of the Lit. Club will present a full production of J. B. Priestley's play "Roundabout" on the Tuesday after the Easter break, April 21st. A super cast has been assembled at tremendous cost, and they have been put under the supervision of two

## SOCIETIES and CLUBS

### MATHEMATICAL SOCIETY

President: Prof. H. S. FÖRDER.

Student Chairman, Mr. C. M. Segedin.

The A.U.C. Mathematical Society, which is now starting on its third year, provides a useful means for the discussion of interesting subjects from all branches of Pure and Applied Mathematics, Mathematical Physics, and Mathematical Logic.

The committee is hoping for a large and enthusiastic representative membership, for it is only with such that the objects of the Society can be realised.

This year, lectures will be delivered about once a month, and an interesting programme is now being arranged.

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### STUDENT CHRISTIAN MOVEMENT.

All University students who have any interest in matters of religion, whether their attitude be one of sympathy or antagonism should take part in the activities of the Student Christian Movement. Members of the Movement feel that the Christian faith offers the only satisfactory way of life and that wholehearted acceptance of the teachings of its founder is the only solution of the many problems which face the modern world. By participating in the Movement's activities students have an opportunity of discussing all aspects of religion and its present day implications. Such discussion is provided, under informed leadership, in study circles where students may exchange views with others of a different denomination or intellectual viewpoint.

Studies are being held this year on communism, and the social implications of Christianity, in addition to a series on the Bible itself. At Sunday teas able speakers give their views on various aspects of Christian faith in relation to modern life. All the Movement's activities may be enjoyed to the full at camps held during the year.

The Movement is affiliated with the World Student Christian Federation, a world organisation to which students of practically every race or nation belong and which numbers among its members many leaders in the world to-day. Thus the New Zealand student is kept in touch with the achievements of important people and vital movements in all parts of the world.

All students interested in any sphere of its activities are invited to attend S.C.M. functions. The next tea will be held on 26th April, when the speaker will be the general Secretary, Mr. Lex. Miller.

Members of the committee are:—  
Presidents, Mr. B. M. Tasker, Miss N. Coates; Vice-President, Mr. R. W. Mayson; Secretary, Miss J. Curry; Treasurer, Mr. D. McKee; Committee, Misses B. Woods, J. Morton Smith, W. Robertson, Messrs. G. B. Bertram, J. W. Taylor.

### GENERAL MEETING OF SWIMMING CLUB. POOR ATTENDANCE.

Thursday, 19th, saw Prof. Bartrum and a few keen swimmers plus a couple of freshers troop into room 37 to hear the usual stuff about the club and its troubles from Lin Adams. Prof. Bartrum presided. His remarks were, as always, well considered. It is a



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### LITERARY & DRAMATIC CLUB.

ADDRESS BY MR. COPPARD.

The club held its first meeting on Tuesday, March 17th, in the Women's Common Room. Mr. Coppard, whose play "Sordid Story" has recently been so favourably criticized, spoke before a fairly large audience. His subject was "Local Dramatic Effort," and, after some remarks on New Zealand conditions, and the opportunities they afforded for originality in the writing of plays, Mr. Coppard went on to discuss the position of a 'Varsity Dramatic Club. Its members need not be slaves of the box-office and the popular play, but should lead the community in dramatic

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super producers (assembled at negligible cost). The cast are rehearsing feverishly day and night, and each of the lady players has had hysterics at least once at each rehearsal. The cast includes "Mae" Best, "Marlene" Miller, "Greta" Mays (these Christian names may not be quite right), Ida Ball and Mary Grierson. The men are even more inspiring. All the cast welcome fan mail.

Be there on that terrific, tremendous Tuesday, 21st April.

#### ROWING CLUB ENTER- PRISE.

CLUB CAPTAIN, O. J. C. MASON  
Hon. Sec., E. W. Henderson.

Training for the Tournament to be held at Wellington next Easter

was begun some weeks ago. Unfortunately, however, before the final crew was selected the eight dwarfed and the boat was badly damaged by the buffetting it received from the choppy water. This has necessitated expensive repairs which are disastrous in view of the club's present financial position. The executive therefore proposes to hold several dances during the first term and it is hoped that these will be well patronised.

It is greatly to be regretted that force of circumstances do not permit the club's active participation to any great extent in the affairs of the Rowing World. Owing to lack of funds the club has no boat-house of its own and the only plant is the eight-oar boat bought two years ago. It is therefore usual for the club members to join out-

side clubs. Steady progress is, however, being made and if a keener interest were taken in the club's affairs at 'Varsity, it would soon be able to compete at regattas on an equal footing with the older-established clubs in the city. More money, more widespread enthusiasm, and especially more members are needed before this ideal can be realised.

The enterprise of the club in attempting to raise finance for a clubhouse has been praised by the Studass Exec. which recently heard a deputation from the club. Whether the Studass will help us is another matter—one of policy and precedent—but the time is coming near when our clubhouse and self-contained club will be a fact.

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