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A.U.C. BIDS FOR SPORTING LAURELS Tournament Contingent Leaves To-morrow

Once again we are to try our strength against that of our fellow Colleges. When we won such a large proportion of the scholarships in the last November examinations, we proved that we could hold our own on the academic side, but it remains for us to show that we are equally as capable in the sporting field.

In the past years we have had high hopes when we reviewed our chances. Our hearts have thrilled when proudly we watched our teams practising, but alas! In the actual competitions, the Wooden Spoon has, with some exceptions, usually remained to decorate our library. This year, however, a change is expected. Our teams are carefully picked and trained, and there is no reason why we should not startle the Southern Colleges out of their lethargic acceptance of our inferiority.

Yet whether we win or lose, we are assured of some very keen competition, and it is to be hoped that we shall show ourselves good sportsmen in every sense of the word. When they leave on Tuesday, our representatives will carry with them to this Easter's Tournament, the best wishes of every member of the College.

KEEN TENNIS TEAM

The keenness of those who have won their spurs as tournament representatives this year has been evident in every department of sport. In tennis, during the past few weeks, many trials have been played in order to select the team and some close matches resulted. The selected players, however, definitely showed themselves superior on the results, especially in the doubles.

All members of the team are determined to redeem the club's reputation which suffered somewhat last year, and have been practising almost every night on hard courts—on which the tournament will be played in Dunedin.

MacRae and Prendegast are two players who had some good performances to their credit in the trial matches, but their doubles play was not nearly so good. The four women players selected are outstanding, although there are others in the clubs of whom more should be heard in the seasons to come.

STRONG ATHLETIC SIDE

The athletics team this year, according to the captain, Mr. H. D. Ball, is undoubtedly stronger than last year's. Robertson, Nugent, and Gillespie are almost certain to win their events. Kofoed has been running extremely well, and although not a definite winner, will make a very good attempt.

De Lisle has only jumped twice in pole vault competitions, but his best jump is only 6 inches under the Tournament record. Cutler in the hammer throw should also go well. The relay team also is expected to put up a good performance.

The other members of the team, although not outstanding, will very capably hold their own in spite of the strong competition expected.

BASKETBALL TALENT

The standard of this year's tournament Basketball team compares very favourably with that of teams which have represented the College in past years. Unfortunately the club's two New Zealand representatives, Miss M. Matangi and Miss M. Martin are not eligible this year. Nevertheless, if the team maintains the combination and form shown in the practices it should have every chance of returning with the shield.

Provincial representatives of one or more year's standing included in the team are Misses V. C. Wyatt, H. Thompson, M. L. Carey, M. E. Everton and L. R. Stanton. Miss V. J. Howie and Miss N. G. Steele were in the Auckland trials up to the final selection, and Misses C. Simmons, B. G. de Berry and N. I. Harvey

have also been showing equally good form.

Auckland University College has not held the shield for the last two years, being beaten by Wellington by only one goal on each occasion. The team this year is strong and steady and can be relied upon to do its utmost to win points.

LOOK OUT FOR THESE PEOPLE AT THE TRAIN

If you happen to be at the Auckland railway station at 3 p.m. to-morrow you will unfortunately not have an opportunity of meeting Mr. T. Henderson, Tournament Delegate. Owing to business reasons, Mr. Henderson will not arrive at Dunedin until Friday night.

Consequently, if you do see a tall blonde Adonis ducking in and out of carriages in a considerable lather, ignore him! It will only be Mr. Henderson's colleague and fellow-delegate, Mr. P. W. Day.

If you are really interested in your Tournament representative, however, note the saturnine captain of the athletics team, Doug. Ball. Hovering near will be his vice-captain, fair-haired Dan Gillespie, the javelin thrower.

Keep your eye open too for Don Munro, captain of the swimming team. The captain of the tennis team, Murray Speight, will also be there displaying the monumental calm he reserves for difficult occasions.

You may glimpse too, the skipper of the shooting team, Bob Taylor. Remember he totes a gun, so take care! While viewing the dangerous exhibits, do not overlook Jack Barry, leader of the boxing contingent.

Miss Valerie Wyatt, the basketball captain, is an experienced player and will lend a good deal of restraining influence to the very young basketball team. These girls are a little retiring at present. But watch them when they return.

Frank Wright will be shepherding his rowing eight on Saturday, with Jack Hooper to help him. No visits to wayside inns until

Saturday afternoon for the rowers. After so much regatta (and other) experience our burly oarsmen should certainly leave a mean wake on the harbour at Port Chalmers.

THAT WOODEN SPOON

It has been A.U.C.'s fate to hold the Wooden Spoon for three years, the last two consecutively. This total is equalled only by V.U.C. It is our hope this year to unload this Wooden Spoon on to their team. Sorry, you still don't know what it is? I'll explain. It is an intricate piece of Maori carving, resembling somewhat in shape an overgrown teaspoon. Its basic substance is black wood (possibly from the Social Security building) tastefully garnished with tarnished silver shields engraved with the names of the offending colleges.

It is awarded for unexcelled senility at the Easter Tournament. So Aucklanders, prove your virility. Don't bring back the Wooden Spoon!

New Executive Appointments

One of the more regrettable lapses in our last issue was our failure to mention the elevation (?) of Miss Annette Every and Mr. A. D. Giffins to the Executive. Both are too well known to every member of the Stud. Ass. to need any "write up" as such in these columns, and their many successfully discharged services to A.U.C.S.A. in the past quite justifies their selection. We are sure that the College will benefit to an even greater extent now that the executive includes these two in its numbers.

Miss Every (Annette) will be remembered by her habit of blushing right down to the elbow, and by her successful running of the Bookstall and the secretaryship of the Women's House Committee during the last two years.

Mr. Giffins (Giffy) needs no remembering, but as House Comm. member, Information Bureau boss, star of past Carnival Revues, secretary of Carnival, ex-stooge of Carnival Book, and, withal, a B.Sc., he is admirably fitted to take on a more seriously administrative job.

Incidentally, we would like to convey our condolences to President Reid and gang for their unavoidably bad start this year—no fewer than four resignations almost queering the pitch: the one ray of hope being that the executive has chosen its new colleagues very successfully, and that the whole body is facing up courageously to a very full year.

Meet Your Representatives

Over seventy men and women athletes will be making the trip to Dunedin this year. The teams are as follows:—

BASKETBALL.—Misses V. C. Wyatt, H. M. Thompson, C. Simmons, M. L. Carey, B. G. de Berry, L. R. Stanton, M. E. Everton, V. J. Howie, N. G. Steele, N. I. Harvey.

ATHLETICS.—Messrs J. G. Cutler, G. G. Turbott, R. L. Nugent, T. R. Johnston, A. G. Kofoed, P. W. Day, J. S. Stacey, H. D. Ball, B. T. Robertson, K. D. Gillespie, E. W. de Lisle, A. L. Arkinstall.

SWIMMING.—Messrs C. R. Buchanan, D. Munro, J. G. Buchanan; Misses P. M. Hastings, O. Cowie, B. Webster, B. J. Hooton.

TENNIS.—Messrs M. W. Speight, L. H. Stevens, N. H. Thornton, N. P. Allpress; Misses

P. M. Roberts, V. J. Howie, J. E. McGechie, K. C. Elliott.

SHOOTING.—Messrs R. E. C. Taylor, R. Duthie, F. B. Boaden, H. F. Clarke, R. P. Newbold, I. Wilson, F. Gillman.

ROWING.—F. R. Wright, A. J. Godfrey, J. J. Carroll, P. F. Connery, J. P. Hooper, R. D. Ockleford, K. C. Lee, D. Angus. Emergency: T. P. Roche. Coxswain: E. T. Whitford.

BOXING.—Bantam-weight, E. T. Aickin; feather-weight, R. J. Salas; light-weight, A. McClew; welter-weight, H. F. Willis; middle-weight, T. Bassett; light heavy-weight, A. Allison; heavy-weight, J. Barry.

Future of Democracy

PROFESSOR STONE IS CONFIDENT

Can Democracy adjust itself to political and economic changes? Professor Stone gave a very definite answer in the affirmative in extra-curricular lecture on March 23. In the early half of the 19th century, he said, the influence of Bentham and Adam Smith and the changed society caused by the French and the industrial revolutions led to the insistence of the Law on the idea of contract rather than of status—the right of individuals to enter into relations of their own volition. For example, no longer was usury restricted, and generally there was a simplification of legal machinery. Then about 1870 change began. The growing idea that the individual and the State have value only in terms of each other led to the socialisation of the Law. Further, where liberty and equality had been thought of in abstract terms, now a concretisation of the Law took place—a tendency to think of contract in concrete terms. The problem was now to compromise between different interests.

What did these underlying notions imply in legal changes? They implied limitations on the owner's use of property, on freedom of contract (as seen in the Factory Acts, and the Truck Act), the protection of those incapable of taking care of themselves (e.g., the Bankruptcy Law), and the discarding of the idea that a man can be sued for damages only when he is morally in the wrong. Further, in public law there had been a gigantic extension of interference by law in the activities of the community, mainly in the economic sphere.

"Obviously there must be changes in legal machinery," Professor Stone said. "Expert enquiry is more and more necessary for the framing of laws and there is a growing habit of the legislature to delegate its task. Though the legislature lays down the general principles of an Act, the expert opinion of the executive is essential to the framing of law."

Legislation had been simplified by the articulation of corporate interests, such as of Trades Unions. In the executive machinery there had been a complete breakdown in the practice of separation of powers. In the courts the highest tribunals are conscious that, while they allow for changing conditions, they are making law.

"What then?" Professor Stone asked, "is the trend of modern law?" In one sense it is a return to feudalism, which regarded men in society in terms of groups and classes, not as individuals. Yet man is free to move from status to status. Democracies have made most fundamental adjustments in their machinery: if they can make use of expert knowledge, as they are now doing, it is reasonable to assume that they will adapt themselves to the changing circumstances of the future," he concluded.

HALF-ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

NO STUDENT INTEREST

The Students' Association Executive, in full war paint, strode through the cloisters on March 22 at 8 p.m., their features composed to acknowledge the acclamation of the milling multitude awaiting with impatience their arrival. The occasion? Half-Annual General Meeting.

The Executive were there—most of them, anyway. The students were there—one or two of them. Two or three more looked vaguely interested. So the Executive hung round undecidedly for a while, exchanged a few words in low tones, and then went home.

Half-Annual General Meeting is the time for students to air their complaints. The fact that this year's meeting lapsed, might indicate a body of students just bubbling over with happiness at the efficient way their Executive is running the College.

Which is, of course, wholly ridiculous.

Some things the Executive must inevitably overlook. If you speak about it at an appointed meeting, you are materially assisting them. But if you criticise aimlessly and never let the Executive hear that criticism, all you are doing is weakening other people's confidence in them.

Give the Executive a chance, and come to general meetings!

LECTURER'S DEATH

MR. E. VARLEY HUDSON

The University College and particularly the school of music suffers a heavy loss in the death last Thursday of Mr. E. Varley Hudson, part-time lecturer in music. Mr. Hudson was a leading figure in educational and musical circles in Auckland and was well-known to the large numbers of Arts students taking music as a subject.

Until his retirement in 1932, Mr. Hudson was a school teacher, beginning his teaching career in Christchurch. After appointments at Wairoa and Napier, he became first assistant master at Hastings District High School in 1902 and 11 years later he returned to Napier to become headmaster of the newly-opened Nelson Park School.

Mr. Hudson was appointed headmaster of the Auckland Normal School in 1926 and he remained there until his retirement.

In addition to his work for education, Mr. Hudson had made a life-long study of music and had taken a prominent part in the musical life of the various centres where he had lived. In Auckland he was the well-loved president of the Auckland Society of Musicians and the Chamber Music Society, for both of which he worked with enthusiasm.

A tribute to Mr. Hudson was paid last Friday by Professor H. Hollinrake, who referred to the suddenness of his death and to the fact that the previous afternoon he had given the professor the B.A. students' corrected exercises and also his own exercises for the degree of Mus. Bac., which he had almost completed. Professor Hollinrake said the University and musical circles in Auckland would miss Mr. Hudson greatly and at his request students in the school of music stood in silence as a mark of respect.

Attention All!

SUPPORT THE CARNIVAL PROCESSION

Now is the time when the mind academic should relax and allow memories of past procession to arise in a cavalcade of colour, from the limbs of the past.

Now is the time to plant the seed of enthusiasm, to nourish it well (see ad. for the products of Westfield) and watch it grow into manly determination to make procession this year bigger and better, to do your bit towards making this public appearance of the inmates of this Institution one which will be appreciated by the townsfolk. Let it be one which will outshine all others as the pageant of Glorious Youth when we are sere and yellow.

Every society, faculty and club has had a circular asking that the local bright boy be delegated to the Processions Committee. Now lend an ear while a very intimate question is asked. How can the said B.B. work efficiently unless he is fully supported by his society, faculty or club and what sort of showing can that S., F. or C. put up unless wholehearted support is forthcoming? Therefore buck up your Delegate, harry him with bright ideas and assure him of assistance when the acid test of constructing a float is in hand.

Query: Do you know who this delegate of yours is?

A.: No. Well why the — don't you? Yes. If you are not her or it, get going!

Query: Have you given him at least one bright idea for a float?

A.: No. Shame. Yes. Congrats old man, a bright future awaits you.

Query: Is there one little thing you can do to help towards the success of the Procession?

A.: No. Liar! Yes. Your future is assured, she loves you.

Query: Are you going to do it?

A.: No. Foul ingrate! Your College calls. Yes. "My Hero," she gasped.

Work For Graduates

PUBLIC SERVICE INQUIRY

Wider avenues of employment in the Public Service than formerly have existed for University graduates may be opened up as the result of the work of a committee which the Government appointed to investigate the question in September last year. From the statement of the Prime Minister, Mr. Savage, in the last issue of "Craccum," his intention of employing graduates where possible in the service is apparent.

Before this policy can be implemented, however, many aspects of the question must be sifted. The first of these on which the committee is to report is whether the Public Service as a whole can be improved and strengthened by the employment of a greater number of university graduates. It must also consider what scope exists at present for the employment of graduates, and in what way this scope, could be widened and improved without prejudice to the interests of officers already in the service.

Representative of the students on the committee, is Mr. M. McG. Cooper, of the New Zealand University Students' Association. Professor T. A. Hunter, vice-chancellor of the University, represents its interests. Of the other 13 members, all but two are connected with officers already in the service, some being departmental heads whose experience should be invaluable. The two are Mr. H. G. Miller, librarian of Victoria University College, and Miss Irene Wilson, principal of Queen Margaret College.

From the students' point of view, there is much to be expected from the findings of the committee. Many are able to take a University course only at considerable expense of mind, body and purse, and their attitude toward it, not infrequently becomes one of pure commercialism. Freed from the necessity of dividing their time between their job and the lecture-room or laboratory, they could, and probably would, work better.

It will hardly be disputed that many trained men and women through force of circumstance have not been able to make the best use of their training. They have put away their hopes of a brilliant career with their books, and settled down to the comfortable rut of a routine job calling for little or no exercise of the knowledge they acquired.

Such waste is from the public point of view, criminal. If it can be prevented by making the Public Service more than a comfortable and final refuge for the workless—a small proportion of whom it undoubtedly harbours—such a change would be very valuable. The public benefit certainly would not suffer in the private interest, a consummation devoutly to be wished.

Can It Happen Here?

RADICAL CLUB FEARS FASCISM

"The Menace of Fascism" was the controversial subject discussed at the first meeting for the year of the University Radical Club held last Tuesday night. Mr. H. Rogers was in the chair.

The urgent need for a conference of the democratic countries, including Russia, was stressed by the first speaker, Mr. H. Day, who briefly reviewed the progress of the Fascist powers since the Munich agreement.

It was no use comforting oneself with the contention "It can't happen here" stated the next speaker, Mr. A. MacRae. The progress of Fascism in Spain clearly indicated the course taken by the capitalist classes when their interests were threatened by the growing political power of the working class, he said. As Socialistic ideas developed in importance, so did the capitalistic trend toward Fascism become more pronounced.

The claim that Fascism was the direct outcome of capitalist organisation was stressed by several speakers in the discussion which followed. Others contended that Fascism was not merely an economic or a political system. It was essential, they maintained, to understand the fundamental ideas and weaknesses of Fascist doctrine, if the spread of its influence in New Zealand was to be successfully counteracted.

This view was not supported by the majority of those present, however, and the discussion reverted to a general indictment of the Chamberlain Government's foreign policy.

TOPICAL TOUCHES

A modest member of the Men's Common Room thinks that our nudist colonies should be abolished. A more sensible suggestion is that they should be handed over to Germany.

Rumours of a coal shortage in Germany pave the way for a joke about Hitler not being able to fuel all the people all the time.

Man is falling behind the machine, says an historian regretfully. This is at least very much better than falling in front of it.

An extract from an optician's pamphlet reads:—"I wonder why the average woman prefers to go about with expressionless eyes and no glasses, rather than look serene, resting on her nose." Maybe she doesn't feel so well that way up.

Many statesmen take up fencing as a hobby. Their knowledge of the sister art of hedging should be invaluable.

"Army Manoeuvres in Portugal" runs a headline. This is quite a change. We understand that Central Europe was being used for this purpose.

An alarmist declares that we shall not know the next war is upon us until one day we open our morning newspapers. This sounds like a deliberate slur on the evening press.

A cashier attached to a Sydney newspaper has been imprisoned for falsifying the accounts. As the sub-editors pointed out, that was their business.

The University Senate is obviously of the opinion that if a scholarship is at stake, students should draw for it. Particularly when it's an Arts scholarship.

There is enough nicotine in a cigar to kill an elephant, we are told. And that, best beloved, is why elephants never, never smoke cigars.

"Vesuvius has shown no great violence in recent years," says a scientist. The local competition has been too much for it.

John Reid is at work on a novel to be called "The Perfect Husband." We hope that he will point out as usual that no reference is intended to any living person.

"Is your home up-to-date with gas?"—Advert. Not yet, but we are watching the European situation with interest.

A keep-fit class has been running for several weeks, says a local paper. We call that overdoing it.

Bees can fly for twelve hours without settling, we are told. Members of the Field Club who spent the weekend at Swanson must have met them at the end of the twelfth hour.

Q.: Give an example of a heroic couplet.

A.: Romeo and Juliet.

According to a psychologist, it is possible to persuade oneself that one is more clever than one really is. But only, of course, if one is less clever than one really believes oneself to be.

An English lecturer was pleased to receive a telegram from a member of his class, apologising for absence. But not as pleased as the class would have been to receive a similar telegram from the lecturer.

"I'm prepared to back my motor-car against any other," boasts Miss Daniel. Our sympathies are all with the person who parks behind her.

A Chinese spokesman recently warned the Western Powers that Japan is out to bring chaos to Europe. We hardly think we've got room for any more just at the moment.

"Herr Hitler will be getting his reward in the hereafter," his enemies say. It doesn't seem to be worrying him unduly.

Dog Star to retire.—Film gossip. This sounds like Sirius.

There are some things better left undone, according to the chairman of Carnival Committee. He must be thinking of the bottom button of the waistcoat.

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Student Discipline

In an institution such as the Auckland University College, it would naturally be expected that the imposition of discipline on the students would be a matter for the good sense and intelligence of the individual rather than for the Students' Executive or the Professorial Board. The supposedly maturing minds of the students should suggest the necessity for behaving like orderly human beings and conscientious citizens of the college community and not like the rabble at an election meeting. Unfortunately, this point of view, which has been held by the administrative bodies in the past, seems to have its weaknesses and the time has arrived when some tightening-up of codified discipline is rendered necessary by the inconsiderate conduct of individuals.

Some mention was made at the address to Freshers by the Chairman of the Professorial Board and by myself at the Freshers' Welcome of the need for observing one or two elementary rules of politeness and good conduct in the College. Chief among these was courtesy in addressing members of the staff. It costs very little to use the small word "Sir," and to remember that you are not speaking to a valet-de-chambre. Secondly, it is a matter of common politeness to be on time for lectures. The spectacle of students dashing into lecture-rooms about half-way through a lecture, or leaving ten minutes before it ends is, to say the least, unedifying, and hardly calculated to inspire feelings of cheerful bonhomie in the heart of the lecturer.

There is, however, another important point of discipline. This concerns the prevalent vice of stamping, shouting and screaming in the corridors and the cloisters during the lecture hours, and of congregating outside lecturers' rooms and class-rooms to discuss in far from dulcet tones one's soul and the winner of the 2.30. Students must remember that the principal business of the College is study, and whatever their individual viewpoint may be, there are hundreds of other students interested enough in lectures to desire to hear them without interruption, and also lecturers who have papers to correct and lectures to prepare in what is alas, only theoretically, the quiet of their rooms. The practice of chatting or congregating noisily in the corridors is so prevalent that the regulation will henceforth be rigidly enforced that all corridors must be clear of students between the times of five past and five to the hour. Any students found violating this rule will be dealt with by the Board. This does not exclude students from passing through the corridors on their lawful occasions but it does definitely prohibit all loitering in or near the corridors and adjacent cloisters between the above times.

It is regretted that student conduct in the past has led to the rigid enforcement of this rule but it is devoutly hoped that a sense of proportion and decency will render any action by the administrative bodies unnecessary in the future. Students are asked further to read carefully the notice re college regulations which is posted on the notice board outside the library, and to carry them out to the letter. In this way only will we breed a proper community spirit among the general body of students.

I ask all students therefore to observe faithfully the rule as outlined above and to co-operate with their executive in making the University a well-ordered and well-conducted community.

J. C. REID, President.

POINTS OF VIEW

A society which has lost its religion becomes sooner or later a society which has lost its culture.—Christopher Dawson in "Progress and Religion."

Hitler wants peace—provided that Germany is predominant.—Sir Norman Angell.

Mr. Alexander Korda has shown to the whole world that naturalised Englishmen can direct films better than anybody else.—Viscount Castlerasse

Swing was invented by a man who went to a party and forgot to bring his music along. He had to do something to fill in the time and he couldn't juggle or do card tricks. So he swung it.—Robert Benchley in "Why Swing?"

The trouble with European diplomacy is that its train of thought seems to be an armoured one.—"Dublin Opinion."

The ambulance flies at a furious gait; That registers utter defiance of fate. As clanging through traffic so agile and supple, It picks up one person and knocks down a couple.

—Margaret Fishback.

Most women aren't as pretty as they're painted; their beauty is only skin dope.—Walter Winchell.

When Our Lord spoke of His future. He gave his Disciples no optimistic hopes, no visions of social progress; He described all the things that we are afraid of to-day and more—wars, persecution, disasters and the distress of nations. But, strange to say, He used this forecast of calamity as a motive for hope. "When you see these things," He said, "look up and lift up your heads for your redemption is at hand." That may seem a strange philosophy of history, but it is the authentic philosophy of Christ, and if the prospect of these things causes us to hang down our heads instead of lifting them up, it shows that there is something wrong with our point of view.—Christopher Dawson in "The Tragedy of Politics."

Pessimism is only cowardice reduced to a system.—John Bailey.

Being made a fool of is good for the soul. It produces a sensitivity of one kind or another; it makes a man into something unusual, a saint or a poet or an imbecile.—Patrick Kavanagh in "The Green Fool."

The modern novel is generally written by people who believe in nothing, love nothing, live by nothing—and do not even do that thoroughly.—Sean O'Faolain.

An American explorer reports that he has been robbed by bandits in the jungles of Brazil. . . . How civilisation spreads!—New York Tribune.

Communism is full slavery. It is the modern enemy working openly, undisguisedly and at high pressure. Communism denies God, denies the dignity and therefore the freedom of the human soul, and openly enslaves men to what it calls "the State" but what is in practice a body of favoured officials.—Hilaire Belloc in "The Great Heresies."

Better a handful of dry dates and content therewith than to own the Gate of Peacocks and be kicked in the eye by a broody camel.—Arabian Proverb.

I had no shoes and I murmured till I met a man who had no feet.—Chinese Proverb.

Man, unfortunate creature, is brought into the world without being asked. When he is little, all the big girls kiss him, and when he is big, only the little girls want to.—Countess of Mayo.

INTER-FACULTY SPORTS

Records Broken at Domain

Several records were broken at the inter-faculty athletic sports meeting held after a week's postponement at the Domain last Wednesday afternoon. Performances generally were good, in spite of a blustering wind which made conditions rather unpleasant.

Members of the college staff again officiated, and the success of the meeting was in no small measure due to their able work.

The inter-faculty points competition was won by Arts with 85 points, Science was second with 52 and Commerce third with 35. Minor points winners were Architects, 21, Engineers, 10, and Law, three. In the Varsity-Training College competition Varsity scored 107 points against the Training College total of 78.

Preliminary events were held on the preceding Wednesday and last Monday. Following are detailed results:—

Mile Championship.—A. G. Kofoed, 1; T. R. Johnston, 2; E. H. D'Ath-Weston, 3. Time, 4m 34 3-5secs. a record.

Hammer Throw.—S. W. White, 1; J. G. Cutler, 2. Distance, 138ft, 1in—a record.

220 yds Hurdles.—P. W. Day, 1; H. D. Ball, 2; E. W. de Lisle, 3. Time, 26 2-5secs.

Ladies' 50 yds Champ. (final).—Miss Hubbard, 1; Miss Carey, 2; Miss Winstone, 3. Time, 7secs.

120 yds Hurdles.—P. W. Day, 1; J. C. Dacre, 2; R. M. Stevenson, 3. Time, 18secs.

High Jump Champ.—F. J. Newhook, 1. Height, 5ft 2½in.

880 yds. Champ.—R. L. Nugent, 1; H. S. Ayling, 2; G. G. Turbott, 3. Time, 2m. 2 3-5secs.

100 yds. Champ. (final).—Kingstone, 1; Thornton, 2; Martin, 3. Time, 10 4-5secs.

Shot Put.—W. Mason, 33ft 8½in, 1; C. A. Kingstone, 32ft 3in, 2; L. Colmore-Williams, 31ft 2in, 3.

440 yds. Hurdles.—H. D. Ball, 1; R. M. Stevenson, 2; G. T. Woodroffe, 3. Time, 56 2-5secs—a record.

Broad Jump.—C. Calvert, 21ft 1in, 1; C. A. Kingstone, 20ft, 2; B. M. Wilson, 18ft 11in, 3.

220 yds. Champ.—C. A. Kingstone, 1; M. Thornton, 2; P. W. Day, 3. Time, 22 4-5secs.

220 yds. Freshers' Champ.—Davenport, 1; Martyn, 2; Anderson, 3. Time, 23 4-5secs.

Ladies' 100 yds. Champ. (final).—Miss Hubbard, 1; Miss Carey, 2; Miss Molland, 3. Time, 12 4-5secs.

Ladies' Broad Jump.—Miss Hubbard, 15ft 1in, 1; Miss Molland, 14ft 5½in, 2; Miss Denne, 14ft 5in, 3.

Javelin Throw.—K. D. Gillespie, 178ft 0½in, 1; L. Colmore-Williams, 153ft 6½in, 2; R. Clegg, 142ft 7in, 3.

Mile Walk.—A. L. Arkinstall, 1; J. Brundell, 2. Time, 7m. 50secs.

Mile Freshers' Champ.—Crossman, 1; Rogers, 2; Porter, 3. Time, 4m. 59 3-5secs.

440 yds. Champ.—H. D. Ball, 1; R. L. Nugent, 2; E. H. D'Ath-Weston, 3. Time, 51 4-5secs.

Hcp. Step and Jump.—Robertson, 1; Calvert, 2; Kingston, 3. Distance, 43ft 8½in.

Discus Throw.—S. W. White, 1; Johnson, 2; Mason, 3. Distance, 105ft 0½in.

Three miles championship.—Kofoed, 1; Johnston, 2; Collins, 3. Time, 15m. 29secs.—a record.

Ladies' inter-faculty relay.—Training College A, 1; Training College B, 2; Arts, 3. Time, 57 3-5secs.

Open Mufti Race.—Professor P. W. Burbidge, 1; Mr. Blake, 2; Mr. Chisholm, 3; Mr. L. O. Desborough, 4.

Men's inter-faculty Relay.—Arts, 1; Training College, 2; Science, 3. Time, 3m. 53secs.

DESCENT OF CASCADES

A party of 32 'Varsity tramps detrained at the Swanson Station last Saturday week, plodded past the old Forestry hut up the steep, narrow track to the Scenic Drive. Some then climbed Pukematakeo by easy stages, and later dropped down to the Cascades, where the others had the billy ready boiling.

The after-dinner entertainment was provided by three dare-devils, who amused themselves by ascending and descending the Cascades Falls on a rope. They lowered themselves one by one from the overhanging cliff to the head of the main fall, where the rope was again fixed, and then climbed over the end of a log jammed in the head of the fall, dropping through space and spray to the bottom. They jumped the last ten feet into the pool, but scarcely got wetter than some of the main party who slipped on the home journey up the Waitakere River.

The homeward trip, led over the ridge track to the filter station.

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The race was won. They led the winner in, and patted him, and shouted in their glee. "Well done, old nag!" The owner's happy grin told of his pride, when suddenly the gee opened its mouth and most distinctly said "It's not a horse—It's Ernie and young Ted." —"Beachcomber."

Latest Tennis Results

The entries were quite good for the annual championships of which several rounds have now been played. The first surprise was the defeat of Prendergast by G. Coldham, a fresher who plays a very attractive game. More should be heard of this player in the near future. His brother, a left-hander, also plays a good game, and was only narrowly defeated in the second round of the men's singles. Other players to come through the first round were Watson, Brown, Stevens, Allpress (who had a close game against Broadbent), and Speight. Bob Marks, club secretary, though outclassed, put up a great fight against Scottie Watson, and played some really fine shots. Some promising material seen among the Freshers augurs well for the club's future.

In the women's singles Joan Howie has come through two rounds in fine form despite the stern opposition offered her by Miss Robertson of Training College. Incidentally, this player has a very strong forehand drive which with more accuracy would be a prolific scoring shot. Kathryn Elliott continues to maintain her recent good form and pairs well with Joan Howie in the ladies' doubles.

Pat Roberts, with more practice lately, has regained her old form and her chances in the south seem fairly strong. Her ability to play and win long rallies is well known; her serve has regained some of its old fire. Jean McGeachie showed excellent form in the ladies' doubles last week, she and her partner winning 6-0; 6-0 against no mean opposition. Jean is not afraid to hit the ball hard, an example which could well be followed by others in the club, some of the men included.

Women's Hockey Club

Congratulations were the order of the day at the annual meeting of the A.U.C. Women's Hockey Club recently. Miss Pat Shirtcliffe gained provincial representative honours and her N.Z.U. blue, Miss June Bilkey her N.Z.U. blue, and Misses Jean McGeachie and Smith city representation.

Officers were elected as follows:—President, Miss Shona Paterson; vice-presidents, Professors Stone and Burbidge, Dr. Briggs, Mr. Desborough, and Mrs. Edwards; club captain, Miss Corinne Hall; secretary-treasurer, Miss Dorothea Morrell; committee, Misses McGeachie, Clare Lynch, Joyce Bell and Qona Turner; selection committee, Misses Lynch and Bullock; sports delegate, Miss Lynch.

Practices begin on Saturday, April 15, and Freshers and others interested are requested to attend.

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SWIMMING TITLES

C. R. BUCHANAN WINS CUP

The University Swimming Club staged its annual championships in the Training College baths on March 18. The weather was perfect, and although the times were rather slow, several close finishes were witnessed by a fairly large gallery. The two most closely contested races were the men's 100 yards freestyle, and the 100 yards backstroke. In the first, C. R. Buchanan, after leading all the way, defeated D. Munro by a touch in 62 4-5 secs., and in the second, the same two swimmers dead-heated for first place, after being together over the whole distance.

Although the men's 440 yards freestyle has still to be contested C. R. Buchanan wins the men's championship cup, and Miss B. Hooton the ladies' championship shield.

Detailed results are as follows:—

MEN'S EVENTS

50 yds. Freestyle Champ.—1st heat: Buchanan 1, Whaley 2. 2nd heat: Adams 1, Roberts and Barton dead-heat 2. 3rd heat: Fallwell 1, Whelan 2. Final: C. R. Buchanan 1, L. E. Adams 2, T. K. Fallwell 3. Time, 28 4-5 secs.

100 yds. Freestyle Champ.—1st heat: Munro 1, Adams 2, Andrews 3. 2nd heat: C. R. Buchanan 1, Giles 2, Barton 3. 3rd heat: J. G. Buchanan 1, G. Schischka 2, Martin 3. Final: C. R. Buchanan 1, D. Munro 2, G. Schischka 3. Time, 62 4-5 secs.

220 yds. Freestyle Champ.—1st heat: C. R. Buchanan 1, Martin 2, Adams and Schischka dead-heat 3. 2nd heat: Davidson 1, J. G. Buchanan 2, Giles 3. Final: C. R. Buchanan 1, J. G. Buchanan 2, Davidson 3. Time, 2m. 41 4-5 secs.

220 yds. Breaststroke Champ.—Rawson 1, Marsh 2. Time, 3m. 51 2-5 secs.

100 yds. Backstroke Champ.—D. Munro and C. R. Buchanan dead-heat 1, Ross 2. Time, 76 secs.

50 yds. Freshers' Champ.—1st heat: Fallwell 1, Schischka 2. 2nd heat: Lowe 1, Grange 2. Final: Fallwell 1, Lowe 2, Schischka 3. Time, 29 4-5 secs.

50 yds. Handicap.—1st heat: Lowe 1, Prentice 2, Ronayne 3. 2nd heat: Grange 1, Whaley 2, Head 3. 3rd heat: Rogers 1, Woodroffe 2, Gordon 3. 1st semi-final: Lowe 1, Gordon 2, Ronayne 3. 2nd semi-final: Grange 1, Rogers 2, Head 3. Final: Lowe 1, Grange 2, Rogers 3. Time, 29 2-5 secs.

Men's Diving Champ.—Lowe 1, Adams 2, Buchanan and Giles equal 3.

WOMEN'S EVENTS

50 yds. Freestyle Champ.—1st heat: O. Cowie 1, M. Everton 2. 2nd heat: P. Hastings 1, B. Hooton 2. Final: P. Hastings 1, O. Cowie 2, B. Hooton 3. Time, 35 3-5 secs.

100 yds Freestyle Champ.—B. Hooton 1, O. Cowie 2, C. Simmons 3. Time, 87 4-5 secs.

100 yds. Breaststroke Champ.—B. Webster 1, B. Hooton 2, J. Livingstone 3. Time, 1 m. 46 secs.

50 yds. Women's Backstroke Champ.—P. Hastings 1, M. Everton 2. Time, 44 secs.

50 yds. Freshers' Champ.—W. Stanton 1. Time, 44 2-5 secs.

50 yds. Handicap.—C. Simmons 1, J. Livingstone 2, B. Hobbs 3. Time, 40 2-5 secs.

Women's Diving Champ.—B. Hooton 1, M. Wilson 2, B. Webster 3.

MISCELLANEOUS

Inter-Secondary Schools Relay.—Sacred Heart College 1, Takapuna Grammar 2. Time, 1 m. 22 secs.

Inter-Faculty Relay Champ.—Arts 1. Science 2, Architects 3.

Varsity v. Training College Relay.—Training College 1, Varsity 2.

With the men's 440 yards championship to be still swum off, the points for Inter-faculty competition are as follows:—

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Commerce	6
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On The Current Screen

FILMS TO SEE AND MISS

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The run of good pictures that began early in the year has almost ceased. Films announced as Easter attractions in Queen Street are not much to get excited about. The best of the Easter shows is "If I Were King" (Regent). Of "Trade Winds" (Civic), "Three Loves Has Nancy" (Embassy), and "Sweethearts" (St. James'), the less you expect, if you see any of them, the more you will be pleased.

"Pygmalion" (Civic), in some ways the best film in the past two or three years, is of course far and away ahead of other current shows. A picture carefully to note is "You Can't Take it With You," announced for Auckland release at the Civic on April 28th.

"CRACKERJACK" (Strand, showing).—"Presents Tom Walls as a modern Robin Hood-cum-Raffles, with a dash of Sexton Blake, and perhaps a soupçon of Casanova. His special line is stealing diamonds from the rich and devoting the proceeds of their sale to charity. He operates in markedly impenetrable disguise, employs an impeccably unscrupulous secretary, and receives his guests in an office equipped with secret televisor, hidden loud speakers, bogey masks, and all the successful paraphernalia of the boys' fourpenny monthlies. His career is almost wrecked at last by a mysterious baroness who loves him but betrays him. Miss Lilli Palmer, who plays this part, has a special way of saying "Cracker-jeck"—no, not quite that, "Crackercheck"—cr, with more of a trill to it, "Cr-r-eckercheck"—that is quite enchanting. Mr. Tom Walls, for that matter, has a special way of saying "umberella." That is mysterious too, but has less charm."—The Observer (London).

"THE HOUSEMASTER" (season ended).—"I have not seen the Ian Hay play from which "The Housemaster" was adapted, but the film presents, with considerable gusto, the civil war at a public school called Marbledown, between the headmaster, the Rev. Edmund Ovington, and the housemaster, Mr. Charles Donkin, over the application of discipline. Dr. Ovington has "all the qualities that make for a great headmaster except humanity." Mr. Donkin has humanity, but also, unfortunately, three nieces. The havoc caused by these young ladies in the regiment of the school, the housemaster's dismissal and final reinstatement, constitute the film's major problems. "The Housemaster" is good hearty fun all along the line, but Otto Kruger's performance in the name-part makes it something better. For some reason, not clearly apparent, Mr. Kruger seems to believe

in this preposterous school, and feel real concern over the well-being of these incredible youngsters. In a rather disconcerting way he tugs every scene within his control away from farce and turns it into studied, sensitive acting. As an American, he was shy, I am told, of taking up a part so typically and traditionally English. He need not have worried. His housemaster has something better than the stamp of Eton and Harrow. It is any harassed man anywhere, who has handled boys, sharp boys, lazy boys, sick boys, difficult boys, with a success and a kind of grudging affection, for three generations—a hard actor's job well done."—C. A. Lejeune in The Observer (London).

"YOUNG DOCTOR KILDARE" (St. James', showing).—"With its film of A. J. Cronin's 'Citadel' just around the corner, Metro has stolen some of its own thunder by presenting 'Young Doctor Kildare.' It is a rather fine picture in most respects, quiet in tone and performance, happily free from the clichés of most men-in-white dramas. Credit it, too, with cementing the comeback of Lew Ayres, happily cured of a rash of brashness, and with proof of Lionel Barrymore's ability to run away with a picture even when he is chained to a wheel-chair."—New York Times.

"IF I WERE KING" (Regent, coming).—"With all the world a-tremble, it is reassuring to be able to reach out one's hand and touch a reasonably constant factor like Francois Villon. In history he was a rogue; in musical comedy he has been the baritone lead; in 'If I Were King' he is Ronald Colman and a basically decent chap. To some extent these are variables, but essentially they add up to the same result: Villon remains a sound dramatic property and sufficient excuse, in any form, for a good old-fashioned romance.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

CO-OPERATION IN REVUE

Dear Sir,

May I encroach on your valuable space to thank—in a necessarily perfunct and impersonal way—all those persons who so eagerly gave their support to our first casting rehearsal? The Carnival Committee felt quite recompensed for all its hard work and trouble when it saw the almost unprecedented response—especially from first-year students.

It now seems to be quite common knowledge that the 1939 Carnival Committee is working under the stress of exceptionally discouraging circumstances, so you can understand my desire to thank our supporters who showed that, from the student body, at any rate, we could expect nothing but co-operation.—Yours faithfully,

D. CLOUSTON,
Chairman, Carnival Committee.

CHRISTIAN BASIS FOR DEMOCRACY?

Dear Sir,

I am interested in hearing more of Mr. J. C. Reid's "Christian Democracy." Since he himself has pointed out the wide variety of definitions allotted to such common terms as "education" and "fascism" I suppose a similar quantity must be attached to both "Christian" and "democracy." When used together as by Mr. Reid, they therefore need to be amplified greatly before they can be satisfactorily understood by those interested. In short, would Mr. Reid oblige with an article on "Christian Democracy"?

HAROLD E. DAY.

CARNIVAL RE-ECHOES . . .

We print the following letter without comment:

20th March, 1925.

The Sec.
Social Committee.

Please note that the large hall is now to be called the College Hall, not the College Music Room.

O'S.,
Registrar.

Frank Lloyd, who is director and producer of the new Villon film, has kept the faith by keeping his writer and cast free of any debunking tendencies. His film says nothing of the theft of 500 gold crowns from the Chapel of St. Navarre on Christmas Eve. It shuts its eyes to the stabbing affair in an alley. It is too fond of its hero to submit him to torture. It even softens his banishment from Paris by giving him the custody of the lovely Katherine de Vaucelles. On the romantic advice of Justin Huntly McCarthy, who has been Villon's best press agent, it accepts the gallant legend of the vagabond king and the rout of the Burgundians.

"If I Were King" is the kind of heroic mummery which lends itself most readily to heroic musical comedy, or operettic, treatment. If Villon had been played by any one but Mr. Colman, we should have expected him to break out in a solo at almost any moment. Mr. Colman, however, invests the role with dignity and virtue. Perhaps too much virtue. His confession that he has been the associate of cut-throats, thieves and wantons, carries no conviction at all. Secretly he knows, and we know, that he always dresses for dinner.

Then there is Basil Rathbone's Louis XI. Mr. Rathbone's Louis affects a senile cackle, a regal totter and a suggestion of eye-shadow. But it remains Mr. Rathbone beneath the make-up. We prefer his habitual imperious villainy to this doddering camouflage.

Otherwise we take no exception to it, confess—in fact—an ungrudging admiration for Mr. Lloyd's mastery of scene and transparent delight in the picturesque. His bawdy tavern, his sordid dens, his courtroom, his torture chamber and all the people in them have been colourfully filmed and have served romance well. And since that was his purpose, we cannot quarrel with it. Nor would we, if we could, make a single unchivalrous remark about two such pretty medieval damosels as Frances Dee and Ellen Drew, who pine so gracefully for their hero. We'd have them in our court, if we were king.

—"New York Times."

"TRADE WINDS" (Civic, coming)—Meandering tale of a detective who trails a murderess around the world by playing Chopin in seven countries. Only it isn't quite Chopin, and she, being an ex-class President of the Oakwood School for Girls, isn't quite a murderess.

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Dear Aunt Alice,—

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Yours,

CECILE.

Dear Cecile,

Have no fear, my dear child, you are in no danger. To comfort you, I will deal with your points in order.

(1) The gent you refer to is short and stout from hereditary reasons only, not as the result of over indulgence as you would think.

(2) He cannot help behaving in a strange manner any more than he can help following a girl round—he's been like that ever since he discovered the moon was full over Hawaii the night he was born (in Puttenham).

(3) Believe it or not, that is a real name, although it passes even my comprehension how anyone could be called G—k—ns (we must keep our little secret).

(4) He rarely eats—all his conscious hours between lunch and bed usually being occupied with another gastronomic diversion.

(5) You're quite right about his being a maniac—I have even heard that he's been crazy enough to accept a job on the E-c-t-ve.

Yours conspiratorially,

AUNT ALICE.

Dear Aunt Alice,

I know I'm not such a blooming Adonis or anything like that, but I have got a car, and that makes up for a lot, I always think, and anyway it wasn't her, but her old man, who went crook and talked darkly about copper-sticks and steel-shod tramping boots.

So what do I do now? As an annual subscriber, I demand your closest attention to my problem.

Yours,

JIMMY W.

Answer:

Dear Mr. Way—I mean Jimmy.

Your rather excitable and incoherent communication augurs a certain amount of latent passion, which is just as well for you. I was of half a mind to refuse my co-operation in this matter and to inform you that my assistance is never "demanded" even by annual subscribers; on the contrary, I am generally bribed with a parcel of pork chops and half a bottle of cocktail (you know, the stuff you consumed so promiscuously at Grad. Ball, last year).

Your problem is of your own making, you should avoid tempting sixteen-year-olds with your father's car, and should concentrate more on your vows, made such a short time ago. But if you insist on becoming enmeshed, I advise you to fix the old man somehow. Try passing him every morning in your (?) car, and offering him a lift. There's sure to be a wet morning soon, when he'll accept, and then all you have to do is to agree with everything he says about the Import restrictions, and shout him a milkshake.

AUNT ALICE.

P.S.—What's her name? An old friend of mine, one Hec. Orch. says he walked past you 7 times in the Caf. one night, and still you didn't come across.—A.A.

dear aren't alis,

i am a fresher strait from a very well noan kollige kalled boarstall and what i want two kno is this here y doont they let you take sootcases into the library i have a fine library at home what i kollected from varius kolliges in nostralier and amerrycur and i wanted a kumplete sett of the wurks of karl marks to make up a dandy show on my kase but when i tuk in a kupple of saks and a tin trunk larst friday miss minchun sed i kooldnt take moar than two books unless i wuz a member of the staff and annyhow they had the buks i wonted i arsk you is this britesh justerce is it desent wot is the librery they're for if knot for des-serving kases like mi.

yours in eire,

oskar.

Dear oskar,

i karnt do annything about the library reg-erlastions but i daresoy that if you disgise yourself as a dokter u kan get the key for the upstairs dore from miss minchun and then

u kan take orl the buks you want. but doant pinch anny of the left buk klub buks or the laber klub will likwerdate you

aren't alis

p.s. anny charnse of a rakeof?

A.U.C. ARCHITECTS GO OVERSEAS.

In the past month three well-known ex-students of the School of Architecture have gone abroad in search of experience. In the first place, Howard Patterson left on the 14th March for England. Next on the 21st, Tom Haughey, winner of the Travelling Scholarship in Architecture left on the "Niagara" with his bride for the United States and England. Finally, on the 22nd, J. Lindsay Mair, well-known both for his guitar and his pleasant grin, was farewelled by the full Committee and many members of the Architectural Society, of which he was for two years the secretary. Lin was bound for Australia for twelve months' experience and intends to specialise in hospital work.



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(Tim)

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(Ru)

—"Dublin Opinion."

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Hockey Prospects

PROMISING TALENT FORTHCOMING

The 1939 Hockey season officially began on March 20 when the annual general meeting was held in Room 37 at 9 p.m. A feature of the annual report was the very satisfactory financial state of the club and Mr. Fogarty is to be complimented on his very efficient work as treasurer.

The following officers were elected for the 1939 season:

President, Mr. White; club captain, L. H. Watson; secretary, M. W. Speight; treasurer, A. P. Fogarty; committee, Messrs. Herriot, Steen, Davies, Beech; delegates, Messrs. Watson, White, Cooper; selectors, Messrs. Watson, Herriot, Steen.

During the meeting the question was raised concerning the status of non-student players and there was also some discussion about entering two teams in the senior grade. It was decided to leave these matters in the hands of the incoming committee.

PREVIEW OF FORM

As many of last year's players will again be donning the blue jersey there will be a good nucleus for the senior team. These, together with juniors who gained valuable experience last year in Dunedin, should be a really powerful combination with good prospects in the championship. A welcome addition to the ranks of Varsity hockey will be Mr. Crawley—an Auckland Rep. of former years. The usual Inter-University Tournament will again be held, this year in Christchurch.

The second team will also be well worth watching, and, if the eleven settles down early in the season, it will take a lot of beating, for there are many good players coming on. Members of last year's 2B, well known for their "do or die" tactics, will lend added strength this year. It is felt that there has not been sufficient opportunity in the past for teams to get established early in the season, and build up a combination, and it is to be hoped that conditions will be more helpful this year.

JUNIOR GRADES

As in past years there will be teams entered in the 2B, third and fourth grades, and these teams should achieve some success this year. Among those who caught the eye last year, and who will be making their presence felt, are Fogarty, Davies, Wallace, F. Newhook, Webster and P. Newhook. There is also a number of recruits from the secondary schools—Turner, an Auckland junior rep.—to mention only one. We also extend a very hearty invitation to newcomers to the game to start the right way, by joining the University Club. There is always a game available in the lower grades.

Practices will be held before the commencement of the season at the Remuera Hockey Grounds, on Saturday afternoons. Further notice of these trials will be posted after Easter. Any further information can be obtained from the Secretary, c/o the letter rack.

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Carnival Play Rehearsals Commence

The carefully advertised and long-awaited casting rehearsal of "Bled White" came off in the Ping-pong room as per schedule. The attendance came to 50—of whom fully 60 per cent. were freshers. A sign at once cheering and disappointing, for although the Carnival Committee enthusiastically welcomes any and all freshers (especially those who turned up the other night) it cannot but deplore the lack of interest as displayed by those on whom the brunt of the show should fall—the experienced non-freshers.

After a few carelessly chosen words by the chairman (Mr. David Clouston), Producer Chas. Zambucca outlined the play to its future stars: and were they impressed! Even "Craccum's" star news-hound wrinkled a cynical nose at certain wisecracks and burlesque situations. In fact we would class the whole show

as a "wow" which should sweep Auckland and Professor Hollinrake out of its non-revue consciousness.

We are not going to spoil things by revealing the secrets of "Bled White and the Seven Wharfies" to any stray "Craccum" reader. Let him or her come along to a rehearsal and undertake a part if he desires full knowledge.

CLASSICAL SOCIETY

The "pure serene" of the Classics lingers yet in A.U.C., for the Classical Society held its annual general meeting on March 20. The meeting gave promise of a lively year. The aim of the society will be to discuss aspects of ancient civilisation which have some application to our own social, political and cultural problems. This year there will be more frequent and brighter meetings.

Murray Speight was re-elected president. The first meeting will probably be after Easter.

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