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## KOHN CUP to 'VARSITY

### Triumph for Athletic Clubs

Saturday the 7th February saw the athletic club triumph in the Auckland centre's championship relay meeting. The Kohn Cup, emblem of premier-ship in track and field team work in Auckland, went to the University club, numerically one of the smallest clubs in the city.

At this spectacular track and field meeting, where teams competed from as far south as Morrinsville, and where the pick of the Auckland province faced the starter, the palm went to Auckland University, who topped the list with 32 points.

Our strength lay in the field events, where a young and virile team gave polished exhibitions of jumping and throwing, and in the middle distance track events. The teams in the sprint events were on the whole young and somewhat inexperienced, and much ground was lost on the changes.

In the 440 relay, Jim Cutler came over from Narrow Neck where he is training for a commission, and ran the second leg. Whitcombe, a newcomer who shows a great deal of promise, ran first in this event, but the opposition had too much experience and pace.

The 880 yards relay (4 x 220) was also unproductive of points. Another newcomer, Thom, ran in this, and showed good form which, however, was insufficient to offset the gap left by the first two men, Wilshire and Whitcombe.

#### MILE RELAY

The mile relay (4 x 440) was exciting all the way. Day ran the first lap for 'Varsity, and handed over second to Connolly, several yards behind Emms, of Lynndale; Connolly, a newcomer from King's, lost some ground, but showed fair form which should improve with training. When he handed over to Turbott, 'Varsity were lying a bad third. Turbott, faced with a hard task, made a good run, and succeeded in making up some of the leeway. Nugent, 'Varsity's last man, took over third, ten yards away from the second man, Joyes of Hamilton, and another ten from McManns of Ellerslie; he gained steadily on Joyes all the way round and fought a stride for stride battle down the home straight. Joyes, how-

ever, just managed to hold off his challenge, and 'Varsity ran in third.

The 2 miles (4 x 880) belongs traditionally to A.U.C., who had won it twice out of the three years it has been held. On this occasion they were again successful, as the blue and whites held the lead in every lap except the first. Les Barker finished second in that; he handed over to Garth Turbott, who ran well to finish on terms with the Otahuhu man; Graham Kofoed took over, and opened a five yard gap. A good change saw Nugent race away with a big lead, and he gave the field no chance, to finish 20 yards in the lead.

#### FIELD EVENTS

Field events gave the 'Varsity men a chance to show their ability. High jump went to Robertson, Thom and Smeeton, the latter jumping with a very pretty "western roll." The same team won the long jump and hop-step-and-jump. Bruce Robertson did particularly well, and seems assured of retaining his Auckland title. In the javelin, veteran Claude Clegg out-threw all opposition, registering well over 180 feet. His closest rival was Dan Gillespie, and the other member of the team, Jim Cutler, did not have to exert himself to make his team mates' efforts successful.

Altogether A.U.C. can be proud of the achievements of its live athletic club. Regular training and constant competition have made its members full of pep for the coming Inter-Fac. sports, and later Easter Tournament. New members, however, will find a hearty welcome await them. Come up any Wednesday evening to the Domain, about 5.45 and have a run with the boys in blue.

### ATHLETIC CLUB HITS A NEW HIGH

#### RUNAWAY WIN AT CHAMPS.

Not content with staging a magnificent performance at the relay champs. on the previous Saturday, the Athletic Club, on February 24th, showed at Carlaw Park that it is the premier club of the Auckland Province. Out of a dozen clubs, most of them numerically stronger, 'Varsity proved themselves the champion club by piling up points during the afternoon, a clear ahead of Hamilton, the runners-up.

On a day of driving rain, on a sodden track, University athletes performed with distinction. The first thrill of the day came when Nugent ran in victor in the half-mile, by several yards. For the first lap, Nugent was handy in about second or third position, Turbott of University was in the lead early in the second lap, but Nugent went away with 300 yards to go and unleashed a powerful sprint to beat McManus of Ellerslie, by yards.

#### NO SPRINTERS

In the sprints, Cooney of 'Varsity qualified for the finals of both the 100 and the 220, winning his heat in the latter in fine style. Opposition was too stiff in the finals, however.

Graham Kofoed ran well in the three miles, and trailed the leaders doggedly for two thirds of the distance. After that, however, the heavy track and the fast clip set by the front men, Watters, Ambler and Potter, took the

sting out of him and he finished well back, though full of running.

Day ran second to Devcich in the high hurdles, but was disqualified for rocking three obstacles. In the low hurdles, however, he won his heat and ran second in the final to the champion, Joyes of Hamilton.

#### FIELD EVENTS DOMINATED

In the Field Events, 'Varsity made practically a clean sweep. The Broad Jump and the Hop Step went to Calvert, a Training College man, who jumped brilliant under the conditions to deprive Bruce Robertson of his Broad Jump title. The distance of 21 ft. was excellent considering the soggy ground. Bruce was second in both these events. The High Jump was carried off by a University man, N. W. Thom, who did 5 ft. 5 ins., a meritorious performance on the day.

In the Javelin Throw, University again captured first and second places. Last year's champion, Dan Gillespie, had to yield his title to N.Z. champion, Claude Clegg. The latter did 181 feet, a good throw.

Last event on the programme, the 440 yds. flat, saw, Club Secretary, Garth Turbott nose in third, behind Jack McManus and Osmond, of Ellerslie. Garth ran an aggressive race, making the pace most of the way, and he hung on with dogged determination at the end.

Although the conditions were anything but cheerful, University supporters were smiling as they paddled home through the rain. A great day for the club, and one which augurs well for performances at Tournament.

### UNIVERSITY CRICKET CLUB

It is pleasing to note that 'Varsity has more representatives in the A.C.A. competitions this season than for some time past, a third grade team having been entered in addition to the usual Senior, Senior B and Second Grade elevens.

On the whole the teams have performed with reasonable success, and with more luck on their side may well finish higher up in all grades. At the moment, 'Varsity holds fourth position in the total club points, which, considering the Club's limited strength, is a meritorious achievement. Individually, the Senior B team, with a second in its grade, has the most outstanding performance to its credit and has excellent prospects of carrying off the championship. For the rest, they have played creditable games, but their records are marred by inconsistency.

Senior: The strength of the Senior team undoubtedly lies in its bowling and fielding. Mathieson and Garrard, still Auckland's best slow and medium bowlers respectively, have on many occasions netted handsome bags only to have their efforts nullified by poor batting. Schnauer and Cooper are a good pair of medium change bowlers, always likely to strike a patch and run through any side; while on the infrequent occasions when variation is needed Haden, Cantlay and Armstrong can be called upon to provide a slow attack.

Fielding again has been of a very high standard and 'Varsity, at present leading for the Grosvenor Cup donated annually to the best fielding team in Auckland, looks like repeating its success of last season when it annexed the trophy for the first time. Jackman is a class keeper. Mathieson and Vallance, in gully and slips, are the best that Auckland—perhaps New Zealand—has to offer in those positions.

Batting is definitely the side's weakness. Whereas Mathieson and Cooper, and to a lesser extent Winter and Cantlay, have on occasion laid the foundations for big scores, the newer members of the team have failed to carry on the good work. Armstrong can be relied on for useful totals, but Vallance, Snedden, Haden and Jackman have been a trifle disappointing, though when they strike form they can be expected to provide samples of the dash they have shown in previous seasons. Schnauer, Lange and Garrard have made one or two imposing scores, but generally speaking the batting has not been cohesive.

Senior B: This team is without doubt the strongest in its grade, but inconsistency has robbed it of its rightful place at the top. It is, perhaps, a little conscious of its strength, and is thereby inclined to take things too easy and jeopardise its prospects. Boaden, with two centuries, is an outstanding batsman, while Aickin, Bell, Crammond, Mills, Minogue and Connell, have all given considerable assistance. However, the team has developed a tendency to rash hitting, and this must be eliminated if it wishes to have the success it deserves.

The fielding has been patchy, varying sharply from brilliance to mediocrity, and here again there is need for a tighter rein. In this the members could well follow the example of their captain, Bell.

Bowling, as with the seniors, is perhaps their strongest asset. Albrecht and Bentley are the best brace of fast-medium bowlers in the grade, as their records show. Indeed, if circumstantial evidence is anything, it is remarkable that the B's. sole defeat—against Papatoetoe—was sustained when Albrecht was absent and Bentley was off form. Pike, left-hand slow, is probably the best of his type in Auckland, but unfortunately has been absent for some time through illness. Dickson (slow) has had several very successful days, and Hollies (slow left-hand), Mills (medium) and Butler (medium) have proved useful at times.

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# OPEN FORUM

Conducted by TASSO

Students are invited to contribute short articles to Open Forum. The views expressed in this feature do not necessarily represent those of "Craccum" or of any of its staff. So don't blame us.

## DEMOCRACY AT WAR

It seems impossible for Democracy to engage in war without changing its nature. To fight a highly centralised dictatorship a democratic State must conscript men into the forces, suppress "seditious" propaganda (witness the progress of local Pacifist and Communist meetings), force production to the highest pitch. Sometimes when the enemy is too strong a Democratic State will find it necessary to plan its economy and be unable to revert to pre-war conditions after the war. Of course, none of these things would happen in the ideal Democracy—but how long, Lord, how long? do we wait for that. That Britain is yet in measure democratic is due to her superior economic position, which makes it unnecessary to resort to extreme measures.

## TASK OF THE UNIVERSITY

Many hundreds of young men and women are planning university careers. Why? What do they hope to achieve or gain from it? What qualifications or qualities has the student not possessed by the average man? What, in effect, is the task of the University?

At Undersaker, Switzerland, University men, staff and students, representative of 25 European Universities, discussed this question and issued a statement on the matter.

"The problem of today," they write, "is to recover the moral and spiritual basis of society. We have to find the way to set free all creative power in the world, without the accompanying danger of its being turned to destruction. The present state of civilisation is making it increasingly clear that we are morally unfitted to survive. The evolution of a new type of man is imperative—a man whose will, emotions and character are trained to the same degree as his intellect. The new man is open, free, fearless and responsible, he lives in fellowship, loves his country and obeys God. The creation of this new type of man, and the culture which goes with it, is the first task of the University today . . . ."

"The University is the guardian of true national culture. Its responsibility is for the whole life of the student, the full development of every side of his personality. It is irrational to foster the life of the intellect while neglecting the life of the body and of the emotions. Sooner or later this results in personal uncertainty and in coldness to the outer world. Our responsibility is to develop the student as a coming citizen and leader rather than as a learner of a subject. We must help him to find a career in which his full vitality is applied at the point of greatest service to mankind. In this way we can fulfill our part in the moral re-building of the nation . . . ."

"In short, the work of the University reaches its greatest significance when its content is chosen, and its methods evolved, to meet world needs. The task of the University is to give moral leadership, to be the pioneer of the new civilisation."

If this is a true statement of the task of the University—and I think it truer than most—how far are the University Colleges of N.Z. fulfilling their task? Surely there is a sorry failure on the part of college and student population to realise the possibilities of a University career.

## WELL DONE, ACHILLES!

These words were splashed all over Queen Street on Friday last. The heroes of the "greatest naval battle in modern times" were greeted by banners announcing the good wishes of every borough in the country—from Dargaville to Dannevirke down to Dunedin. I would not deny the value of the work done by these men, but surely the whole affair was overdone. Most of the banners displayed a startling lack of originality, while some were absolutely absurd—for instance, the effusion which said: "The Auckland Harbour Board Thanks you."

The officers and men of the Achilles had merely acted in the usual traditions of the Royal Navy, and such excessive adulation must surely have been embarrassing to members of a Service not accustomed to "play to the gallery" (and by the way, I saw only one sign which mentioned the Ajax and Exeter as well as the Achilles).

There must be many other boats whose action has been as heroic as that of Auckland's pride, but we do not hear of England going crazy with joy over every successful action. I for one am heartily sick of hearing how the Graf Spee was outmanoeuvred and beaten, and how wonderful and courageous our men were. For heaven's sake, let us try not to let every little victory turn our heads so completely.

## WHOOPIING IT UP

### FRESHERS' BALL WILL BE THE NIGHT

The first event of the College Social Season is the Freshers' Ball which is to be held at an early date. Freshers should make a point of being there, for a variety of reasons. Mainly, of course, because they get in free, and this they will find later on to be something of a novelty, and an opportunity, not to be lightly dismissed. Then again, as everyone goes to Freshers' Ball, the fresher who is among those present will have the opportunity of rubbing shoulders with the brightest and best of the College's beauty and chivalry and what not.

Furthermore, freshers get preferential treatment at supper, are provided with partners (guaranteed hand-picked), if they are public spirited enough to come unattached.

There will be a good band, a good floor, and a good crowd, so be sure you don't miss out when the Social life of the College swings into its stride with a blare of trumpets, on Saturday night, the 9th March, 1940.

does not include an article on "Religion."

No survey of society can lay claim to be called really comprehensive unless it takes spiritual forces into account, and it is a great pity that the book should fall short of completeness by the non-inclusion of some brief survey of an influence which, I am sure, the compilers would agree, must be regarded as one of the dominant factors in the moulding of society.

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## THE BOOKSHELF

(By Malvolio)

1840 AND AFTER

The task of comparing the habits of thought, the social and political background, and the ways of life of our age with those of the last century is by no means an easy one, and it is to be doubted if any one person could treat such a topic so as to give correct emphasis to every factor of importance. This is one of the rare cases in which a treatment from various angles by different specialists alone could do justice to the subject, and for that reason "1840 and after," the collection of essays written on the occasion of the New Zealand Centenary by the staff of Auckland University College, must be rated as a most successful publication. With the avowed intention of contrasting our civilisation with that of Victorian England, the authors have as Mr. W. H. Cocker puts it in his preface "turned their telescopes" on the various sections of our life in community and have succeeded in presenting the reader with a detailed picture of the many and far-reaching changes which have taken place in thought, art and culture during the last hundred years.

Apart from the distribution of material ensuring that each topic should receive due emphasis, the plan of the book permits a balance of opinion to be struck, and prevents the predominance of any one point of view. A tendentious treatment is thus avoided, and the total effect of the volume is a pleasing one, in which an agreement on basic facts, does not prevent a difference of opinion as to their interpretation.

Every essay is written with knowledge and taste. Some are more detailed than others, some exhibit (dare we say it), much more literary skill than others, some are more profound than others. But the total picture presented is extraordinarily vivid, and convincing.

### Professor Forder's Able Essay

To the reviewer's mind the outstanding contribution to the volume is that of Professor H. G. Forder on "Science and Philosophy." Written in a style that is a positive delight to read, this comprehensive and thoughtful essay is a splendid example of logical thinking and clear and unclouded reasoning. Professor Forder is concerned to show how the scientific materialism of the last century has broken down under a new and wider conception of the universe and how the old thought habits based on the dogmatism of the materialists must be replaced by more vital and more spiritual view of creation. His lucid exposition of materialism, of the newer scientific theories and discoveries, and of the influence of modern mathematics and physics on philosophy provides a solid background for all the other essays in the book.

Worthy, also, of especial mention is Professor Sewell's interesting "Literature and Society." Both here and in his preface, Professor Sewell shows that he is master of a witty and convincing style, which he employs to point a thought-provoking picture of the relation between social trends and the arts. Dr. R. P. Anschütz in an essay on "John Stuart Mill" succeeds in the difficult task of sketching the whole background of Victorian philosophy through the study of one individual. Dr. Anschütz's essay is characterised by an easy style and an exceptional clarity, which makes difficult problems seem comprehensible even to the undergraduate.

### An Impressive Selection

Perhaps the meatiest article of all is that by Professor H. Belshaw and Mr. Rodwell on "Economic Theory and Organisation." It is packed from end to end with information and has the one disadvantage of requiring some rather specialised knowledge to grasp the main points. The same may be said of the essay by Dr. Julius Stone on "Law." It is compact and thorough, and like the article by Professor Rutherford on "Colonies and Colonisation" should be re-read at least once by the layman.

The remaining essays by Professor Fitt, Professor Knight, Dr. Douglas Robb and Mr. Melville, maintain the high standard set by Professors Forder and Sewell. Not one of them could be dispensed with without doing irreparable damage to the complete picture presented by the book.

"1840 and After" is a credit to the College. The matter is excellent, timely and of permanent value, and the printing is beautifully done. It is rather a pity, however, that a volume which sets out to give a picture of civilisation



## POINTS OF VIEW

An atheist is one who has no invisible means of support.—Sir Willmott Lewis.

"I," said the Fuhrer, "shall lay my cards on the table." "Good," said Goering. "I hope they're food cards."—World Digest.

"We dislike control—'damn braces,' said William Blake—but we know its necessity."—Gerald Vann in "Morals Makyth Man."

"The radical fault of anthropocentric humanism was that it was anthropocentric, not that it was humanism."—M. Maritain in "Humanisme Integral."

If you have a ricketty table, Lynd's "Anthology of Modern Poetry" might be worth shoving under one of the legs.—"Damon" in "New English Weekly."

More and more society is splitting up into two great hostile camps, into two great and directly contraposed classes: bourgeoisie and proletariat."—A. L. Rowse.

They say in Berlin that, while in India, Dr. Schacht was so astonished by Gandhi's accomplishment of extensive fasting that he intends to invite the famous Hindu to Berlin as an expert on the problem of nutrition.—Marioune, Paris.

Saint Joan looked up, and saw the Great Light shine,  
And heard her Voices, by the cottage door.  
I need not go to Domremy for mine;  
We've got a medium at number four.  
—J. B. Morton.

The proletariat is precisely the man part of whom has been alienated and transported into the world of things, into the very centre of the economic which crushes him.—Nicholas Berdyaev in "Communism and Christians."

The only criticism which is of any value must be experimental. Mere thinking, however accurate, cannot do more than play one uncertain belief against another, since it must somewhere rest upon improved assumption.—John MacMurray.

The daily newspaper, which was once looked to hopefully as an agency for spreading mutual knowledge among nations, has been perverted into an instrument for keeping people in ignorance grosser than was ever known in the ages before the invention of printing.—Robert Lynd.

Men who have been brought up in the arid atmosphere of rationalism suffer from stunted imaginations. Think, for instance, of John Stuart Mill, whose mind was composed of hard angles and outlines. There was no "twilight in his soul." And that is my chief complaint against materialism, not that it is immoral, but that it is dull, stupid and ugly.—Arnold Lunn in "The Fight for Reason."

"Religion stands at the cross-roads. Throughout the world the parties of social progress are, in general, either passively or actively anti-religious. Organised religion on the defensive tends to range itself actively or passively with the conservatives and the reactionaries. But the tide of social evolution cannot for ever be dammed by the dykes of vested interest."—John MacMurray in "The Structure of Religious Experience."

"Investigation shows that the societies exhibiting the least amount of energy are those where pre-nuptial continence is not imposed and where the opportunities for sexual indulgence after marriage are greatest. The cultural condition of a society rises in exact proportion as it imposes pre-nuptial and post-nuptial restraint upon sexual opportunity."—J. D. Unwin in "Sex and Culture."

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## Students in War-Time

To all freshers "Craccum" extends a cordial welcome. Freshers are starting their University life under trying conditions. With a world war under way, it may seem to some rather trivial to be studying things that do not seem to have so much importance at the moment.

The war is important. It will affect the lives of all of us profoundly. But there is something of more moment than the war, and that is the Peace. Our country needs our help now; but she will need even more help when the war is ended and the world has to gather the fragments and start again.

When that time comes, there will be a great necessity for clear minds and judgments unclouded by prejudice, else we are in danger of disregarding the lessons of this war and the last. If public opinion is more enlightened and if men are more ready to think for themselves, then a great step forward will have been taken.

Freshers, then, should make good use of their time here. Their activities extend far beyond the lecture room. If they are to be thinking men and women who can found the new order, and profit by the mistakes which their forefathers made, then they must be fit both in mind and in body. The sports and cultural societies of this college are invaluable at the present time when values seem to be crumbling and things lose their worth. They afford a basis for thought and action. Men and women who intend to be true citizens of the world and to try to understand the problems besetting modern society, must lose no opportunity of broadening their cultural background. That opportunity exists here in this college.

Every fresher should belong to at least one sports and one intellectual club. If we continue with everyday activities we will see the war in its just proportion—as an incident, not a be-all and end-all. We trust that freshers will enjoy life here. If they enter wholeheartedly into every phase of our college life, the gain will be theirs.

## Public Safety

Is the public safety more endangered or guarded by the recent regulations? If these regulations help on the successful conduct of the war, then they must from one point of view make the community "safe." From another point of view the greatest danger that can threaten this community, a danger far greater than Prussian bayonets, is the suppression of any opinion, which may help men to reach the truth. The answer to this problem is by no means as simple as "99 or more per cent. of the people of this country," to use Mr. Fraser's words (nor indeed as the people of the submerged one per cent.) consider.

"Read, mark, learn" these Public Safety Regulations, and may your mind digest them. Many indeed who sincerely wish to see Communism refuted have found that document hard to digest. The treatment of Communists today has a curious similarity to the treatment of Christians in Rome. Will Communism also thrive under persecution? Crucifixions are dangerous for even 99 per cent. to indulge in.

"Craccum" gives no opinion on these things. Discretion demands the same of all who believe that freedom of thought is essential to the real safety of man.

## TOPICAL TOUCHES

If it's Air Force blue wool she's knitting, he's in the N.Z.R.A.F.; if it's khaki, he's a soldier boy. But if that darn heel won't turn it's just another scarf for the poor father.

It is said that Hitler's right hand man is beginning to show annoyance at all the jokes about his medals. They are becoming positively boering.

Our fashion expert states that owing to the lack of summer lately a red tip to the nose is no longer fashionable—barring Hongis of course.

The film "Gone with the Wind" is at last completed. How puffedly marvellous.

Hitler says that the Dominion troops which have been sent overseas are mere country lads. May they turnip Adolph's toes.

"Three little fitties" is a very popular ditty. The poor fish who says he doesn't think much of it in front of some of its fans often causes a riot. In fact he becomes just a Little Sir Wrecker.

There is one group of people that is not complaining over the new petrol restrictions. The Hongis are pleased, because, as they explain, they will have to park their cars so much more frequently in order to save gas.

Girls, if you want a job in a munition factory, apply to Mrs. Odd. She runs one under the name of the Cafeteria and her solid products are camouflaged as food. Actually, they're no better than cannon fodder.

Our specialty smash-ups reads a notice on the window of a motor repair shop. Well, they're frank anyway.

The love bug has been very prevalent among the students of Training College lately. But they still have one rae of common sense left to them.

It is suggested that as a prize for being such a clever boy, Stalin should receive those two excellent little manuals—"Finish off your Finnish" and "Polish up your Polish." As runner-up Hitler should be presented with "Czech up on your Ausirian" and as consolation prize Mussolini would be awarded with a copy of that popular song "Abyssinia in the tropics in the morning."

A common urge among freshers seems to be the reform of all the formalities of forming their signatures at the foot of forms.

Then there's the story of the young R.A.F. pilot who came back late from the first expedition sent over Germany and said he thought that he was supposed to put the pamphlets into every letter-box.

It is reported that local traffic is growing noisier and noisier. But no one seems to give two hoots.

Last month General Goering reached his forty-seventh birthday. Doubtless he celebrated it with a middle-aged spread.

Freshers may be a little irked by all the chimes which afflict their ears at every quarter hour. They are advised to remember, however, that Prof. time and golf time often coincide, so that there is no reason to worry unduly over a mere trifle like unpunctuality.

There is a notice outside the Y.M.C.A. building: "Soldiers, we welcome you to make liberal use of all the Y.M.C.A. rooms." We make no comment whatsoever.

One of our foremost 'Varsity mathematicians (incidentally a misogynist) stated recently that if all the females who graced the College were laid end to end he for one wouldn't be at all surprised.



# AVOID MENTAL STAGNATION

## Fodder For All Minds

On this page will be found an account of the activities of the cultural clubs and societies which flourish around the College. Freshers are urged to join at least two of these organisations which afford a valuable basis for research and discussion in literature, art, music, and kindred subjects which are essential in the intellectual equipment of the well educated man.

Make use of the facilities provided here for your benefit. Your student's fee entitles you to free membership in any of the organisations listed below and in many others not listed.

### MODERN LANGUAGE CLUB

The youngest club in the College will hold its first evening in the Women's Common Room on Thursday, 14th March. Plays, talks, games and entertainment of the liveliest nature will be given throughout the year.

### PHILOSOPHICAL SOCIETY

**President:** Professor Anderson.  
**Secretary:** Miss M. W. Crookes.  
**Student-Secretary:** Mr. Wrigley.

The Philosophical Society aims at promoting an interest in philosophy and psychology. Meetings are held on Thursday evenings when prominent speakers read papers on philosophical topics and members are given an opportunity for discussing the points involved. Every student who intends making philosophy his principal subject is recommended to attend these meetings regularly; many subjects of unusual interest are discussed and valuable assistance is given in solving problems. Further details may be obtained from the Student-Secretary, C/o. Letter Rack, A.U.C.

### CLASSICAL SOCIETY

**President:** Professor Cooper.  
**Student-Chairman:** Murray Seight.  
**Secretary:** George Cawkwell.

The object of the Classical Society is the promotion of interest in classical studies by means of lectures, illustrated talks, readings and discussions. Membership is free to all present or former matriculated students at A.U.C. who are interested in Classical Studies. The first meeting will be held on March 19th. Watch the notice-boards.

### STUDENT CHRISTIAN MOVEMENT

All students, especially freshers, are most cordially invited to attend the first Movement activities for the year.

March 6th: Freshers' Welcome Social.  
March 17th: Sunday Tea.  
(See notice-boards for details.)

### EVANGELICAL UNION

"In Christo, Vivimus, Vincimus," we present Jesus Christ, the Way, the Truth, and the Life, who brings pardon, peace and purpose into the individual life. All students cordially welcomed to meetings. Watch notice-boards for details.

### UNIVERSITY CATHOLIC CLUB

The function of this Club is to enable Catholic students at Auckland University College and the Auckland Training College to become acquainted, to discuss matters of common interest and to exchange views with other College Societies. Freshmen and Catholic undergraduates not already members should get in touch with the Secretary, Miss Zelma Bell, Secretary University Catholic Club, Box 845, Auckland.

### COMMERCE STUDENTS' SOCIETY

This Society exists for the furtherance of the rights and interests of Commerce students. Its activities are both social and educational, the Commerce Ball being one of the College's social highlights.

The annual meeting will be held in Room 6 on Wednesday, March 13th, at 8 p.m.

The annual general meeting of the Law Students' Society will be held on Thursday the 8th March.

Meetings will be held fortnightly at which the help and experience of senior members of the profession are made available to the students at moots and addresses conducted there.

### LITERARY CLUB

The Literary Club should appeal to all students interested in books and writers. The Club will hold about six meetings during the year. Copies of the year's programme will be available as soon as possible.

### A.U.C. MUSIC CLUB

First meeting Wednesday, March 6th. The Music Club anticipates a busy year. For our own concert we have chosen Elgar's "Banner of Saint George" and we have also been invited to form a students' choir with Training College, for the Centennial Music Festival in May.

### A.U.C. HONGI CLUB

The Hongi Club represents a gathering of men-students, drawn from all Faculties. Clubs and Societies, truly a representative gathering. Its main object is to infuse a spirit of camaraderie and good fellowship amongst the men, something so essential to 'Varsity life. Its activities are numerous and varied and include vociferous support of all College functions, by Hakas, etc. In the past, leading 'Varsity men have been its staunch supporters, and it extends a cordial welcome to all men, particularly the Freshers of the coming year.

For further information write to the Secretary, C/o. Letter Rack, A.U.C.

### DEBATING CLUB

If you can speak at all (and how many deaf-mutes are there at 'Varsity?), then you must join the Debating Club. Gain in ease of speaking, fluency, and mental poise. Learn to think on your feet, to speak with confident mastery, to sway your audience, and play on its feelings! "They laughed when I got up to speak," says a fresher of last year, "but in five minutes they were licking my hand. All due to my experience with the Debating Club."

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Murry, finding le Bon Dieu  
Chose difficile à croire..  
Illogically said "Adieu"  
But God said "Au revoir" —G.K.C.

With reference to the Mortal Scheme,  
From elder voices we infer  
Things are but seldom what they seem,  
And never, never what they were.  
—D. Price.

Dr. W. G. Grace  
Had hair all over his face.  
Lord! How the people cheered  
When a ball got lost in his beard!  
—E. C. Bentley

## Peace for the Post-War World?

A series of lectures will be given by members of the Staff on the causes and conduct of the War, and the means necessary for gaining peace. All students should attend these lectures; it is your duty during the War.

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## PERSONAL PARS.

To impart a spicy social note to this column, we may retail a number of marriages, engagements, and other allied circumstances which occurred during the holiday months and in which 'Varsity folk were implicated . . .

Owen Woodhouse engaged himself to Peggy Thorpe, whose young sister Nancy is a present inmate here.

Jim Takle, well-known Commerce student, middle-aisled it a couple of weeks ago. This, we fear, will seriously interrupt his activities as newly-elected member of the Debating Club Committee. He will have another subject with whom to bandy words.

Charlie Fleming and Peggy Chambers, both ex-Science students, have gone the way of all flesh.

Our one and only John Reid has opened up yet another vista of his many-sided activities. He is now a father. His son, Christopher, was born early in the holidays.

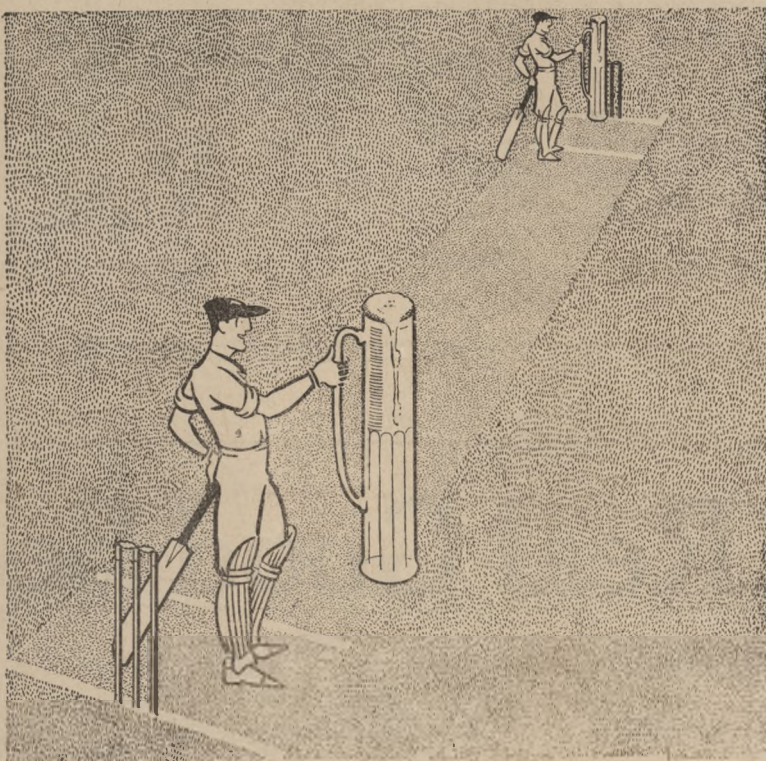
Two of our scientists have departed their

native heath for the chillier Dunedin clime: Marie Carroll to take her B.H.Sc., while Norm. Stace, last year's Hongi president and general instigator of 'Varsity japes, is also down there on a scholarship for scientific study of food.

We have it, for what it's worth, that Dorothy Seaman lived up to her name by braving the elements tout seul one blustery week-end in the Milford Baths.

For the last month there has been no word of the doings of Lawrence Hogben, '38 Rhodes Scholar. When last heard of, he was undergoing a three months' course of training at the Greenwich Naval College preparatory to going into a ship as Instructor-Lieutenant in Navigation.

Murray Speight, last year's Scholar, is now at Training College. It is understood that he could have taken up the scholarship this year had he wanted, but conditions being what they are, it would more than likely have entailed joining up in England; and he prefers to enlist here if the need arise.



## THE LONG HANDLE

Last Saturday all hands from the Loving Care Bottlery assembled at the cricket ground. Major Burr-Cantle, with his back to the field, recalled how he took 36 off one over in the famous Army versus Poona Potspurs game in '84. Inkson, the Scratchetary, said that he could knock back the long hops and was brilliant in the cover pint position. Sandy, the Storeman, argued it was best to use the long handle when going for a dip, which made Trixie the Typiste say she just adored swimming. At which juncture they adjourned to the Cricketers' Arms for a bottle of afternoon tea.

**TIM:** A long-'un is a pleasant change from a wrong-'un, messmate.

**RU:** Yes, the long handle answers this call for brighter cricket.

**TIM:** Watch me glide this one gaily down the gully.

**RU:** Praise be for Cricketers' Consolation, Batsmen's Bonhomie, Umpires' Umbrosia. Timaru, the grandest full toss in the world.

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Dear Freshers all,

With the initial appearance of this column, the University year may be said to have commenced. Not, mark you, that I claim to constitute this learned pile to which you will in time no doubt regret that you have allied **themselves**—though one impudent youngster **yourself**—though one impudent youngster were remarkably alike—but I do say that in my hands lies the moulding of its inmates; mine is the duty to direct their energies into proper channels, and to wolve their little problems with the tact and wisdom for which I have long been noted.

As most of you will have discovered by now, two influences govern this universe. Lurv and Gawd. We can discount the latter on the score of antiquity. The former remains a potent source of trouble and distress.

And that is where your Aunt Alice takes her place in the scheme of things. For there's not much old Auntie doesn't know about Lurv, particularly as it affects the younger fry before it, or they, have learnt that the only way to combat it is by adopting the cloth, or discarding it altogether. Both of which alternatives are merely compromises when you come to think of it however.

So here I am, my dears, completely at your service and, as I say, with all my years of experience and hoard of tempered discretion to be used to your benefit and succour.

Incidentally, I think that it would not be amiss for me to give a few hints to unknowing freshers on how to conduct themselves now that they have entered upon what is termed with bitter irony as a "university career."

(a) Rid yourself immediately of the age-old fallacy that a university is a place in which to study. Ignorance of this truth has ruined more promising youngsters than bad liquour. Old hands at the game, now heavy with the years and snoring out their lives in laboratory and common room, are concrete examples of the practical application of this maxim.

Having achieved that godlike aloofness to the drudgery of mopping up learning like an overworked sponge, you will then be free to indulge in the numerous inviting attractions which the lighter side of University life has to offer.

(b) Freshers would be well advised to lay off the more enticing specimens of female fresherhood. These are reserved by ancient right for the president of the Students' Executive and the lecturer in education.

(c) Never do any work for Professor Sewell.

(d) Never do any work for any professor.

With these few timely words of advice and consolation I shall close, hoping to hear from you frequently and hotly during the weeks to come.

Yours in waiting.

AUNT ALICE.

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# Tournament Looms Up

## ACCENT ON FITNESS

Freshers may or may not know that at Easter (barely three weeks away) the annual Inter-University Tournament is to be held at Christchurch. Here, the four colleges meet on the field of sport and compete for the blue riband of University premiership in athletics, boxing, swimming, rowing, tennis, shooting and basketball.

Auckland's position in the list is, unfortunately not, as a rule, an exalted one. The reason can be generally diagnosed as simple lack of physical fitness. Auckland, year after year, has talent brimming over and to spare, but lack of intensive training and the consequent absence of that bit of zip, zowie, punch, drive, or what you will, that makes the difference between the sportsman of class and the commoner garden marg or potterer-about.

So this is an urgent message to all sportsmen in the college. Don't neglect any section of your training. From now till Easter you should be hard at it, to show for your own sake and the sake of your college, that Auckland can produce a series of teams that will clear the board.

The teams going away at Easter will be smaller than usual owing to the war and billeting difficulties in Christchurch. Hence competition will be much keener than usual. No competitor will leave Auckland who has not a very good chance of success. In other words, only the top-notchers will go.

Are you going?

If so, hop into it, and train: and go on training; and then train again.

# AN APOLOGY AND AN APPEAL

UP! UP! YOU SCRIBES

The turmoil and flurry of the first week or so of term permits of little reportorial aspiration, and less time in which to translate into words and put it to paper. Readers must therefore be indulgent, pray, and overlook any skimpiness in this, the first issue of "Craccum" for 1940.

It must be realised that all work which goes into this paper is, of course, quite gratuitous, and those who have in the past had a hand in its production—they may be recognised by their hair prematurely grey, and a certain pinched look about the nostrils—will vouch for the labour and trouble that it requires.

This, then, will serve a double purpose—an apology and a request. Those students who have any flair—real or unacquired—for writing, are earnestly requested to submit to "Craccum" samples of their work on any subject which they consider will be of interest, amusement or enlightenment to their fellows. These will be received with crow's of gratified pleasure, and will forthwith appear in print if worthy.

In fact, if the response to this appeal is sufficiently generous—and there is no conceivable reason why our common rooms should not be harbouring a couple of Woolcotts or Parkers—a regular contributions' section will be instituted to deal with manuscripts and to pass on their judgments of weighty decision.

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# THE AWFUL TRUTH

## POISONAL NOTES ON EXECUTIVE

Newcomers to A.U.C. should know that, whether they like it or not, they have an executive. It is desirable that they should appreciate the full importance of this point right away, so "Craccum" proposes to disperse the haze of mystery and secrecy which seems to surround the Exec. for many a fresher.

The hub of the matter (as Bertie Wooster would say) is that, on entering the college, you pay your student's fee (if this has not been done, write your cheque for 25/- and mail it to Pos. at once: then read on) which entitles you to all privileges of an A.U.C. student. These are many and varied, and include membership (without sub.) in any college sports club; membership in any cultural club in the college; use of the facilities in the student block; use of the dining hall; and last but by no means least, a vote at the annual student elections.

In passing, you should note that the A.U.C. student's fee is the lowest in N.Z.—in Otago it runs into nearly double ours.

The student elections are held in August at the end of the second term. At these elections the members of the Executive for the coming year are elected by members of the Students' Association (i.e., students who have paid their student's fee). The Executive consists of a President, a Ladies' Vice-President, a Secretary, three women members and seven men members.

### WHAT DO THEY DO?

Everything that affects student life. They manage the finances; support upwards of thirty clubs and societies (which you will find listed elsewhere in this issue); organise procession and carnival play; help to run Easter Tournament; organise disposal of second hand books at official book stall; provide social life of college (balls, dances, etc.); maintain touch with other student bodies in the Dominion; produce student publications (such as this rag); and generally express student opinion, protect student rights, get plenty of kicks in the pants, and mighty little thanks.

### WHO ARE THEY?

President Dave Coulson you will recognise by his prize fighter profile; Secretary Murray Speight (recent vintage Rhodes Scholar) by his intellectual brow. Vice-President Annette Every has round glasses, a round face, and a way of speaking roundly what she thinks. Paul Day—fair hair and a detached expression—men's Vice-President.

Harold Prendergast is dark and has a mystifying giggle. Frank Newhook, benign and bespectacled. Bob Newbold, switch back and smokes a pipe, Charles Coire, silent, dark "(like Gary Cooper)"—1st yr. woman) these are other members. The womenfolk comprise Dorothy Fowler, a spectacular brunette, Faith Johnson, with the kindest smile in college, and Pam Duthie, frolicsome secretary of the social committee, who will be running Freshers' Ball. Then, of course, there is Giffy. But you probably know Giffy already so there is no need to waste space.

That is the Exec. Make yourself acquainted with its doings. If you disagree with its policy, voice your views, in "Craccum" or at Annual General Meeting. Remember it is working for your good and needs your co-operation.

### CRICKET

(Continued from page 1)

**Second Grade:** Under the captaincy of Peter Miller the team has had more success than was expected. The batting is strong, with Ching, Sidnam, Minogue, Newbold and Hollies most prominent. Mills (who scored a century in his only innings), Senn, Bannister, Smith, Cawkwell and Shanley have all contributed good scores. The fielding has been good, Miller setting a standard with his efficient displays behind stumps.

In bowling, the team has formidable variety. Newbold and Cawkwell, both medium swingers, are a good opening pair, with solid support from Hollies and Minogue. Honours however, go to Bannister, who can break a ball on any wicket, and whose slow leg breaks have never failed to capture wickets.

**Third Grade:** A weakness in bowling has been the main cause of the team's patchy performances, but the side is quite capable of running up a sizable score with Drummond and Latta in form. To Drummond, incidentally, falls the honour of being the first 'Varsity man to win the Matthews' Bat for the fastest century of the season.

Altogether, 'Varsity cricket seems to be re-establishing itself in Auckland, but, unfortunately, their rise has come at a time when existing conditions have rather put a damper on sporting activities. However, there is no reason why cricket should not be continued, and it is to be hoped that interest in the club's activities will not wane, and that the membership will continue to increase. Naturally it is the freshers who will provide new material, and they are urged to make themselves known as soon as possible so that their talents can be put to immediate use.

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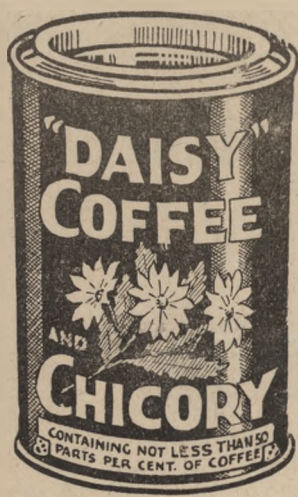


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